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■ **BOOSTALK**

Teen rapper an online sensation

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Co-Op Student

Whether it is music, acting, dancing or talent in sports, it is hard to get noticed in the big leagues when one grows up in a small rural town. But in the last month, a local high school student, Matt McDermott, better known as the rapper "Boostalk," was given the chance to drink from the cup of fame.

He began rapping at the age of 14, and has made multiple videos of himself over the last few years, posting them on Facebook for friends and family to see.

"I just rap for fun. It was never planned to be some sort of dream of mine. But now it could be," Matt said.

Bored one day, Matt decided to put together a collaboration of random lyrics and make it into a music video, complete with an editing budget of \$50. Forty-eight hours after posting the music video of him, "We Gon Rock," on the website YouTube he received 300,000-plus hits and a chance to sign a contract with Urban Smoke Records (USR). He was found on television four days after the release of the video on an episode of *Attack of The Show*, Around

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Martin Hofland's amazing collection

Haliburtonian survived Nazi occupation in Holland and moved to his favourite country in the 1960s. Now he wants to establish a navy and war museum in town. Read Hofland's story on page 3. Photo by Jenn Watt.

■ **MOON SHADOWS**

Haliburton winery wins gold in world contest

TERRANCE GAVAN

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WINNER

Haliburtonian wins car, trip to Olympics

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Chris Youngdale of Haliburton was the lucky winner of Saputo's Dream Big – Win Big promotion. He won a brand new 2009 Chevrolet Malibu Hybrid, plus a trip to Vancouver to cheer on the Canadian men's and women's hockey teams at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Chris celebrated the Olympic spirit with plant employees, local dignitaries, and Saputo's mascot, the Dairy Oh! Cowntess.

The Dream Big – Win Big contest is one of Saputo's

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Break and enters reported in Highlands East

On Saturday, Oct. 31, officers from the Bancroft detachment of the OPP responded to the report of a break and enter on Atlantic Lane in the municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that sometime between Oct. 12 and 31, unknown suspects forcibly entered a seasonal residence. Property reported stolen included a fan.

Bancroft officers found a second break and enter to a shed at another seasonal residence on Atlantic Lane.

Investigation also revealed one break and enter to a seasonal residence on Amy Drive in the municipality of Highlands East. Unknown suspects forcibly entered a cottage. Bancroft officers located property damage at two other seasonal residences on Amy Drive.

Anyone with information about these break and enters, theft or mischief are encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Damage to vehicle in Cardiff

On Sunday, Nov. 1, officers from the Bancroft OPP received the report of mischief on Hemlock Street in Cardiff, municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that sometime overnight unknown suspects scratched a pickup truck that was parked in a private driveway.

Anyone with information about this mischief is encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Correction

On page 3 of last week's *Echo*, Ron Kozak's name was spelled incorrectly in the story "County printer turns new leaf." The *Echo* apologizes for the error.

See Inside

- Gas fireplace tips
- Ontario weather review
- Buying technology for your business
- Crime prevention is everyone's business

November 19, 2009

It's a GO

By Maggie Armstrong

GO! Travel has officially announced that the trip will be added to the year-end party for the Highlands U.S. and Highway 17 on the way to Perth/Orleans.

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

War first hand — growing up in Holland

Martin Hofland and many other Dutch wouldn't be here if it weren't for the actions of the troops in Second World War

MARTIN HOFLAND

Special to the Echo

Their lives, your freedom, 1940-1945

Extending my sincere appreciation towards the Canadian soldiers that gave their lives for our freedom. For too many, there was no tomorrow.

My Experience

The Second World War started when I was a young boy of 7, living in Holland. We had just come out of the Depression and the war was not a surprise. I remember waking my father about 2 a.m. The sky was full of German airplanes and Hitler introduced himself with the first bombardment. During the five years of war I was in more than 13 bomb attacks. After so many I almost got used to it.

During the war, our family was evacuated 10 times, several of those times at gunpoint. Usually we had to leave everything behind. By the end of the war we had lost everything.

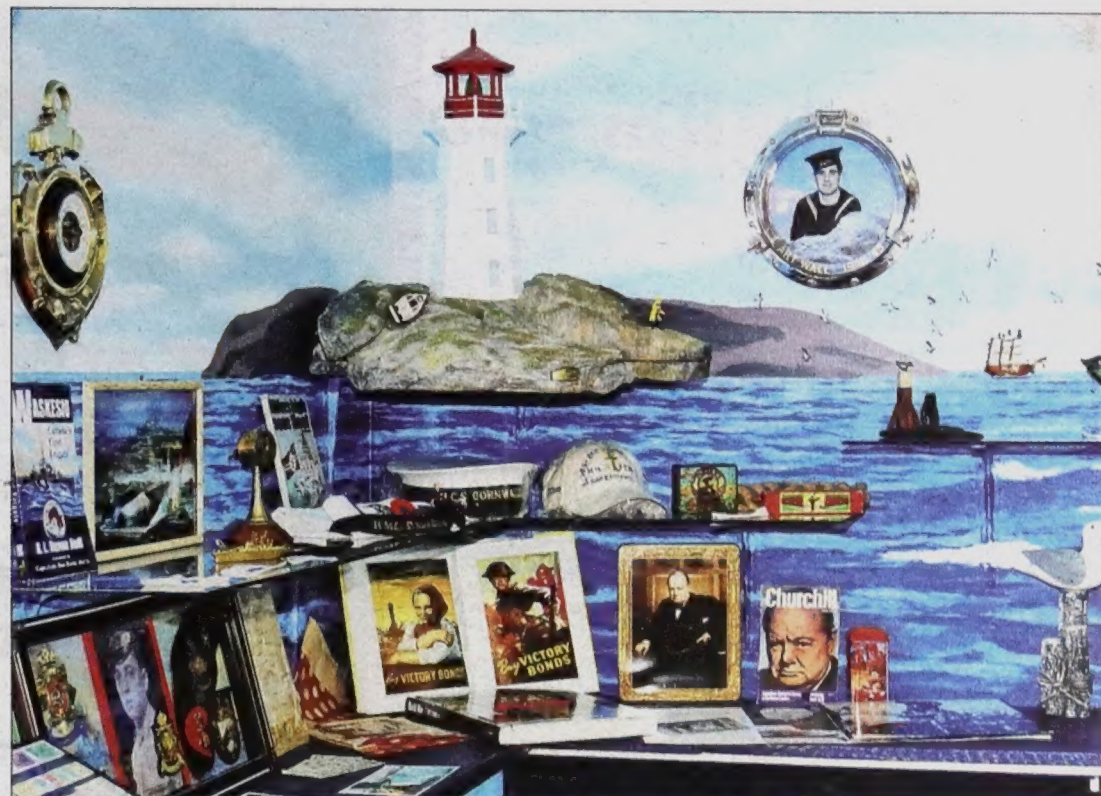
The time of playing soldier

was over. It was now real. No joke. We became prisoners of war in our own country.

Food was scarce and I remember trying to steal a loaf of bread from the Germans. They caught me in the act so I ran through the forest. The Germans were much faster than me on their bicycles. My only way out was to jump over a barbed wire fence and run over a minefield. I did not want to fall into their hands. They had no mercy. The so-called Superman Germans did not have the stomach to follow me over the minefield. It was a long run, but I made it through. Only God knows how close I came to stepping on those mines.

After another time I returned to a place where we used to live, now a forbidden area. I wanted to get some dishes for my mother, so I took a risk through the German lines. Coming out of the house, I heard the sound of a truck approaching. I went to hide in a small shed. One of the Germans on the truck saw me go in. Using the machine gun on top of the truck he fired on the shed. The bullets went right

JENN WATT/Echo



Martin Hofland has collected a huge amount of war artifacts, which he intends to donate to a new navy and war museum in Haliburton.

through it and only missed me by inches.

My brother was a resister and because I was small they used me to bring information papers to the German lines. Being a young boy, the Germans did not bother me too much.

For a while my family lived on the launch base of the V1 rockets that bombed London many times. Under German rule, my father was forced into labour for the Red Cross. We were the only family who lived on the V1 base. Of the 10 V1 rockets that were fired from the base at London, two misfired and came straight back down at us. The English airplane (the famous Spitfire) knew the location of the V1 base and attacked constantly. I was lucky to also survive that.

1944 was the hardest winter in history in Europa. It was very cold and we had no heat, no electricity, no clean running water. We only had the clothing on our backs. My shoes had big holes that I tried to patch with pieces of cardboard. After 10 minutes in the snow, the cardboard was ruined. My old coat was way too big, but I never took it off, even wearing it to bed. By this time all the schools were closed. We had no food and ate tulip bulbs and sugar beads. When that was gone we even ate grass. We looked death straight in the eye.

And when you start to eat nothing then you are on the dead list.

When Christmas arrived I again snuck into the forbidden area and managed to get some Christmas tree branches. I smug-

gled them home and my father took a broomstick and made a Christmas tree. On Christmas Eve we sat on the floor by the tree in a cold, empty room. My mother told us the story of Christmas. It was very dark as we had no candles, but together we sang "Silent Night." There were no presents that year, not even an orange. I still remember it as the best Christmas I ever had. We were so thankful to be alive and to have a mother and each other.

Despite the hardships of war, I learned so much in those five years. I learned about war and peace. What life was and death. What food was and hunger. What love was and hate. How to share and have compassion. And I also learned what an orange was on Christmas. And one more thing: I learned how to fold my fingers together in prayer.

May 1945 – I will never forget the sound of liberation. The sound of the big airplane, the Lancaster. It came over so low that we could almost touch the wheels. They were dropping bulk packs of food! The Germans were waiting with their trucks and stole the food away. But thankfully the Canadians kept on coming and the food reached us!

I would like to express my personal thanks to the Canadian soldiers for my freedom. Many today take their freedom for granted, but I urge you to think about how you got it. Hitler was on his way to take it away and if it were not for the brave young men and women who stepped forward and

risked their lives to set others free, Hitler may have succeeded. These boys and men, many with children of their own, died by the thousands. They paid a heck of a price for our freedom and we owe them a big thank you. Would you give your life for a complete stranger?

I would like to give special thanks to Art Wall of the Canadian Navy. He served in the 1st Canadian Frigate on the Waskesiu for five years and hunted and destroyed German U-Boats. Thanks, Art.

Also, special thanks to all the girls and women who participated in the war. The nurses, the ones who made guns, built the airplanes and worked in the factories. The ones who drove the farm tractors and the mothers who sacrificed their sons. These women were soldiers without uniform. Where are their medals and decorations? Was that war only won by men? Each one of them, the backbone of our soldiers, deserves a medal. If it was not for the women, the war could never have been won. The soldiers should give half of their medals to the women. Therefore girls, my personal thanks and God will reward you.

I'm working to establish a new Navy, war and nautical museum in Haliburton. If you want to help, you can donate the following items: WWII items, ship models, sea shells and coral. It would be much appreciated.

I have expressed a few of my experiences and the meaning of Remembrance Day briefly.

Martin Hofland – 457-2382



Hofland looks over his Canadian and German stamp collection, which spans two wars.

CAR ACCIDENT

Police believe icy roads caused crash

Drivers of both vehicles taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment were called to investigate a motor vehicle collision Nov. 5 shortly after 6 p.m. on County Road 21 near the Blairhampton Road in the township of Minden Hills.

Members of the Minden Hills fire department and EMS personnel also attended the scene.

The investigation revealed that Hyundai Elantra was proceeding eastbound on County Road 21 and crossed into the westbound lane. The Elantra then struck a Dodge Caravan that was proceeding westbound on County Road 21.

The driver of the Hyundai, Robert Pue, 31, of Toronto was taken by ambulance to the Haliburton hospital suffering from non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Dodge, David Lear, 55, of the township of Minden Hills and a passenger in his vehicle were both taken to the Haliburton hospital suffering from non-life-threatening injuries.

Road conditions are believed to have been a factor in the collision and the investigation is continuing.

CHAD INGRAM/Echo



Above: A Hyundai Elantra driven by Robert Pue of Toronto was crushed by the impact of an accident on County Road 21 Nov. 5.



Right: A Dodge mini-van headed toward Haliburton on County Road 21 was badly damaged Thursday night. The driver, David Lear of Minden Hills, was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

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■ H1N1 VIRUS

ID required in wake of vaccine shortage

JENN WATT

Editor

The H1N1 situation just keeps getting more and more complicated for the local health unit.

Since the death of Evan Frustaglio in October, demand for the swine flu vaccine has been intense, and then the province announced last week that there wasn't enough supply to meet the demand, causing the health unit to strictly limit who could be vaccinated.

"What we're trying to do at this point is just make sure we get as many of our at-risk residents in phase one immunized and once we gauge that and depending upon the receipt of vaccine then we'll be able to open up to phase two," Chandra Tremblay, communications manager for the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge Health Unit said.

About 600 people waited in the two-hour line in Haliburton for their shot Oct. 30.

Because of the vaccine scarcity, the health unit has begun checking driver's licenses to make sure only those in the high-risk of complications category received their shots.

This has caused some difficulty with older residents who have health complications, but who can't get immunized because of their age.

"We're getting a lot of calls from older adults over the age of 65 who do have some chronic conditions and are wishing to be immunized and unfortunately through the sequencing process that the province has set out they don't fall in the first phase," Tremblay said.

Those who qualify for the first phase vaccine include people with chronic medical conditions under age 65; pregnant women; children between six months and five years old; people in remote or isolated areas; health care workers; and

those in regular contact with those in the high-risk group.

On Thursday, the health unit announced special non-adjuvanted vaccine (adjuvant is a substance used to stimulate a strong immune response) will be available in special clinics to pregnant women.

"Given the spread of the H1N1 flu virus, pregnant women with pre-existing health conditions and healthy pregnant women in the second half of their pregnancy (more than 20 weeks) had been encouraged to receive the adjuvanted vaccine as they are at the greatest risk of developing complications if they become ill with the H1N1 flu," the press release reads.

The Haliburton clinic will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., at the Haliburton health unit office, 191 Highland Street.

It's still not known when the vaccine will be available to the general public, Tremblay said.

The schedule for future H1N1 vaccination clinics for high-risk residents only:

- **Haliburton – Monday, Nov. 9** – noon to 6 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion on Mountain Street in Haliburton Village.
- **Minden – Monday, Nov. 16** – noon to 6 pm at the Minden Community Centre (at the end of Prentice Street above the Arena).
- **Wilberforce – Tuesday, Dec. 1** – noon to 6 pm at the Lloyd Watson Centre (County Road 648) in Wilberforce.
- **Haliburton – Saturday, Dec. 5** – 10 am to 2:30 pm at the Royal Canadian Legion on Mountain Street in Haliburton Village.
- **Minden – Monday, Dec. 7** – noon to 5 pm at the Minden Community Centre (at the end of Prentice Street above the arena).

H1N1 claims one life in health unit region

JENN WATT

Editor

Very few details about the first death to the H1N1 virus in our health unit are being released.

Nov. 3 the Haliburton Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit released a statement saying that it had "confirmed the death of an area resident who had the H1N1 flu virus."

"The death occurred in an adult resident who also had a severe underlying medical condition."

Asked where the deceased person was from, communications manager of the health unit, Chandra Tremblay, said she couldn't give any details.

"We're not releasing any additional information," she said.

There have been 19 laboratory-confirmed cases of H1N1 in our health unit region since Sept. 1, but it is assumed a much larger number of people have contracted the virus and experienced only mild symptoms.

Vaccine available for pregnant women

The health unit is offering unadjuvanted H1N1 vaccine to local pregnant women.

The unadjuvanted vaccine will be available to pregnant women at all H1N1 vaccination clinics as well as at clinics specifically for them. Haliburton's clinic will be held Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 3 to 6 p.m., at the Haliburton Health Unit office, 191 Highland Street in Haliburton.

Given the spread of the H1N1 flu virus, pregnant women with pre-existing health conditions and healthy pregnant women in the second half of their pregnancy (more than 20 weeks) had been encouraged to receive the adjuvanted vaccine as they are at the greatest risk of developing complications if they become ill with the H1N1 flu.

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WHEN I WAS A VERY YOUNG GIRL, I won a Christmas story-writing contest in my local newspaper, the *Warton Echo*.

It was a short, simple story and the prize was mere \$25, but wherever I go I bring that tattered, yellowed newspaper with me.

I remember the exact moment when I found out I won; I was in the passenger seat of my mom's car on the way back from piano lessons. Despite myself, I couldn't keep the gigantic smile off my face as I held that paper firmly in my small hands.

echo

editorial

jenn watt

Whenever I stumble upon that old newspaper, all of those feelings of joy and accomplishment come flooding back.

So, when I ended up at Ryerson University studying journalism many years later, I was sure that I wanted to be involved in small-town journalism again.

A brief stint as a copy editor at *The Globe and Mail* further cemented my conviction that I had to return to a small town and work on a paper. I just wasn't built for a world of cubicles, nameless faces, pollution, traffic and lights.

I needed to be back in the country, and I needed to work at a paper that still had that magic I experienced as a young reader.

Then I found the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*.

These papers were beyond my dreams; smart and newsy, yet still remembering their place on the refrigerators and scrapbooks of the readers.

Leading the charge was Martha Perkins, who became in her 24 years an institution of Haliburton.

Martha was always patient, warm, thoughtful and taught me more about small-town journalism in the two years I worked with her than my six years of university did. More than just an editor and mentor, Martha became one of my best friends.

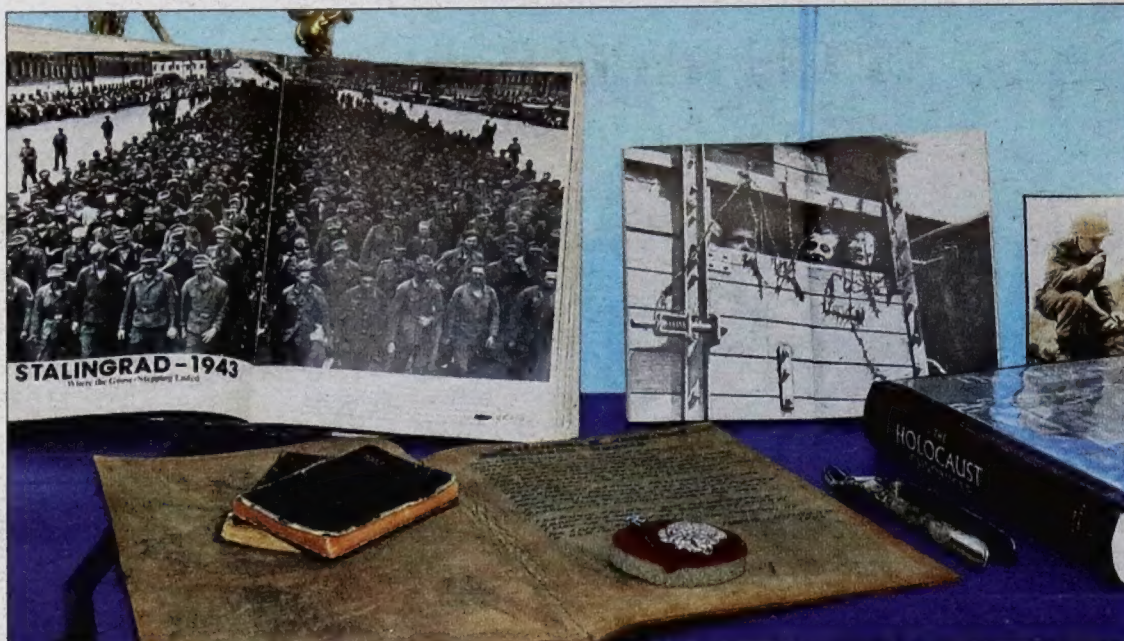
When she told us in October she was leaving, I initially felt panicked and alone; Martha was a constant in my life and I had never dreamt she would leave Haliburton, ever. I also never dreamt that I would end up editor of these two papers.

I am humbled and honoured to have the chance to (as so many have said to me lately) "fill those shoes."

While I don't think Martha can ever be replaced as a person so dear to so many, I will try my very hardest to continue the tradition of excellence the *Echo* and *Times*.

I am absolutely committed to continuing the work Martha (and her predecessors Len Pizzey and Creighton Feir) has spent so much time on.

If you don't already know me from my time as a reporter, feel free to drop by the office to say hello. I'm excited for what's to come.



Remember

Photo by Jenn Watt

All in a name

BY A QUICK, very unscientific count I think I know five Julies. Of the five, three are local. Of those three, one I see occasionally; one I see even less occasionally and one I see most every day, yet of the five, I have yet to determine which among them the Alpha Julie is.

You know the Alpha Julie, much like the Alpha Fred or the Alpha Bernice – any person who occupies a certain given name and a person who never needs explanation or description when being referred to in a conversation. Essentially they own that name, at least in your life they do. It isn't Julie Hornswagger or Norm's wife Julie. It's just Julie.

To illustrate my point, think of a name. Let's use Dave. Chances are you know lots of Daves but one will stick out head and shoulders above the others as the Alpha Dave. That Dave – to you – is your Alpha Dave. When his name comes up in conversation your description is always short and to the point. Often you will become annoyed when having to talk about your Alpha Dave as in:

You: "I just saw Dave at the grocery store."

Other Person: "Dave? Dave Who?"

You: "You know, Dave!"

Other Person looks puzzled, asks again.

You are indignant and flash a look reminiscent of the one contestants on *The Family Feud* would flash each other after Grandpa just blew the grand prize by stupidly thinking the "General Custer" is a popular name for a family pet.

You shouldn't have to explain your Dave. He's just Dave.

Alpha status declares your public intimacy with another. When you mention you and Stan went out and bought some rope on the weekend, people are expected to know the Stan

you're talking about. Seriously, how many Stans can there be? (OK, bad example).

And therein lays the beauty of life in a small town. Seems everyone shares the same Alpha. When's the last time you had to use a last name around here? You went fishing with Jerry. Mildred won a TV at bingo. Jerry and Mildred took their new TV with them fishing. Last names are wasteful and unnecessary. It's just understood that Jim is Jim.

Of course, on the remote chance that there is another Jim or Larry or Sheila (new in town obviously), the problem is solved by simply using a helpful reference point (last names are not permitted when describing an Alpha) like Larry, the guy who works at the bakery or Sheila, the woman with the orange legwarmers and the Farrah Fawcett hairdo.

Ultimately when you present someone with Alpha status it is an affirmation to the world that this person has some significance in your life. This is not just some George, this is your George. The guy is a guy you've known since you were six. A guy who played ball with you since you were six. A guy who, come to think of it, still owes you money since when you were six.



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Thinking small

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Night of the living dad

LAY ON THE COUCH in a fetal position, quaking, sobbing uncontrollably, and breaking out in a cold sweat. All in all, my daughter's sleepover had gone better than expected.

"Are you OK?" My wife asked as she offered me a soothing cup of green tea.

"Sure," I replied. "Hold me..."

It started innocently enough when Carm invited three friends over to her 10th birthday party. The two girls were slated to sleep over while the young lad, who wore the same bewildered look I still wear when surrounded by the fairer sex, left happily after the cake.

Then again, he had the benefit of a fancy fifth grade education.

tales from



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Which left me as the only nervous male in the house.

"Dad," Carm cooed sweetly, shortly after the boy genius abandoned me, "would it be OK if we painted your toe nails?"

"No," I replied nervously as three pairs of sweet, but predatory, eyes searched for any sign of weakness.

"Can we dress you up for our fashion show then?"

Ten minutes later, my wife found me in the woodshed.

"You're not hiding are you?" She

asked.

"No," I whispered from the shadows, "I'm just sorting the wood alphabetically by species. I'll be back when they're asleep."

But, as any parent who has hosted a slumber party knows, that was the fatal flaw in my plan. Children in these situations never slumber.

I'm not sure whether it's due to the high adrenalin levels that are generated when they all talk at the same time or if it stems from a deadly mixture of birthday cake, candies, cookies and pop; all I know is that they, like the undead, are cursed to roam the night. Sure, they pretend they're asleep for about five minutes after you sternly remind them it's bedtime.

But soon after, a lonely, hellish, blood-curdling giggle emerges from the darkness of their lair and wolves in adjacent hillsides howl as the full moon emerges eerily from the dark clouds. And that's when you know that they are on the prowl.

Perhaps, I've over dramatized a bit.

All I know is that one minute I fell asleep on the couch while watching Saturday Night Live and the next I opened my eyes to see three pre-teen girls standing over me holding makeup, a sports bra, two tennis balls, a mini skirt and unforgettably evil grins.

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!" I screamed, as I held up a clove of garlic.

"Your father is a bit high-strung," noted Carly, as she lunged with the blush.

"Is this his first sleepover?" asked Kendra, while keeping me at bay with the mascara pen

Despite all appearances, it turned out there was no real reason to panic. All they wanted to do to me was apply lipstick, mascara and blush, paint my nails, pierce my ears, style my hair in a sassy little up do, and affix a tennis ball loaded sport's bra onto my upper torso and a miniskirt over my pajamas – just your typical sleepover gag.

It wasn't like they were going to add pantyhose, butterfly tattoos, exotic perfumes, stiletto heels and deep-penetrating moisturizers into the mix. Not that this has ever happened to me.

Needless to say, I slept the rest of the night with one eye open – the one they hadn't yet covered in mascara.

And sometime between midnight and sunrise, I believe that they finally settled into their lairs – for it was around then that the giggling stopped.

As I sit here and recollect the whole experience, it occurred to me that, in my old age, these are the times I'll remember. And that got me thinking that I must have been a terrible person in a previous life.

It took a while for my nerves to settle down but they finally did. After all, a sleepover of little girls is a scary thing for a father. Especially at first blush.



pic of the past

The pic of the past this week was found while new *Echo* editor, Jenn Watt, was settling into her new office. Attached to the photo were the names Wilfred Mason and Lily Archer. It appears that Lily is feeding Wilfred while they sit in a boat. There must be a story behind this. If you have any details regarding the photo, call us at the office at 457-1037.

letters to the editor

My meter can't be right

To the Editor:

I have owned a year round cottage property just outside of Haliburton village for the past 10 years, dreaming of retirement when I can live there.

In the mean time to help pay the bills I occasionally rent usually July and August are booked solid except this past summer.

Recession/rainy weather did not help. NOW Hydro One has installed their new "smart" meter beginning of July '09 and now send me the yearly meter read bill.

To my heart skipping a beat I read the new charges of about \$3,145. plus of course what I have already paid quarterly throughout the year.

No electric heat, only a new furnace using pro-

pane set to 55°F as the place is empty about ten months of the year.

There is no possible way 1900 sq ft home, occupied in summer only and the odd weekend could use this amount of hydro. Their accounts department will not talk to me and only one man in their Smart Meter Department is available and I might as well talk to the wall or my cat, as he says the meter is correct.

I am wondering if there are more cottagers or people with my predicament and where I should get some assistance as I feel this is a case of fraud and some action needs to be taken. Please help.

Celeste Lohrbach

Live in Toronto, dreaming of Haliburton

Banners are for veterans and troops

Dave Graham letter re support our troops

To the Editor:

There is an old saying, "they walk among us." Well, this seems to be the case with Johannus Boots.

I think he is getting his wars mixed up. The support our troops signs are for our men and women in Afghanistan, not Iraq as Canada refused to join in the coalition for that one. Anyway, does it matter what war? We at home should remember in WWII thousands of Canadians gave their lives in the defence of freedom, and also in Korea.

That's what our service persons are doing now,

to rid Afghanistan of the Taliban so to give all a chance to better one's life. One does not have to support the war. That's a freedom of choice we have in a democracy.

We're just asking to support the Canadian men and women who are trying to bring a better way of life to the country of Afghanistan.

Dave Graham
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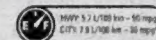
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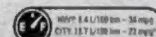


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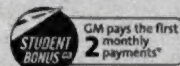
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MORE LETTERS

County is a better place to age

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the *Echo* for the coverage the Aging Well Committee has received over the past few months in connection with the work the committee is doing to create a healthy, active, age-friendly community.

The committee consists of a number of volunteers who have committed their time to moving this project forward and making Haliburton County a better place to age. These committee members give up their time to go to meetings, to tell their stories, to be involved in presentations, in sharing ideas, in organizing survey distribution and collection, in writing articles, among many other things.

Although the Family Health Team (Carol Browne), the HKPR District Health Unit (Angela Van Berlo) and U-Links Centre for Community Based Research (Heather Reid, Stacy Kirkbride and Jenny Perrott - on maternity leave) have been involved in the organization of the committee. It's the volunteers, the seniors themselves who are driven, passionate and, really want to make a difference in their community.

The recent article in the echo on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 re: Seniors

Concerned about Snowbanks, was in fact an example of the role our committee members play in our Aging Well Committee. I would like to acknowledge and thank Bob Stinson who took the time and wrote this article after attending the meeting with other representatives from the committee.

We are lucky to live in such a community where volunteers on various committees give their own time for the good of the greater community. It is many of these smaller committees that take action and work with the local government in trying to make this a better place for us all to live.

Thank you to the Aging Well Committee members for all you do!

Bob Penfold, Miles Roberts, Jean Hutchinson, Aileen Bruce, Ed and Ginny Muenzel, Robert Young, Marjorie Cartwright, Diana McCullough, Bob Stinson, Art Wall, June Stewart, and Mary Pearsell.

Thank you also to Fay and Associates for organizing and facilitating the four recent focus groups that were held to gather feedback from seniors.

Angela Van Berlo
Aging Well Committee
of Haliburton County

Avoid H1N1 – stay home

To the Editor:

H1N1 is a virus.

It is spread by close proximity of an infected person to a healthy person. The best way for nature to spread the virus is to have people congregate in large numbers. It is up to the individual to choose to go to church or attend

theatrical performances.

To expose oneself to infection by standing in line waiting for the injection seems counterproductive.

Stay away from crowds whenever possible.

Just my opinion.

John Pugh
Haliburton

What happened to skateboard park?

To the Editor:

Just between Halco Plaza and Emerson Lumber there is what remains of the skateboard park.

Is there a new location for this skateboard area to be set up?

I always understood that since the kids were told they were not allowed to skateboard on the road, or especially the sidewalk, that they had raised the monies along with donations to build the small skateboard ramps in the area that was allotted them.

Now there is the library and parking there and the kids once more are skateboarding on the streets and the roads.

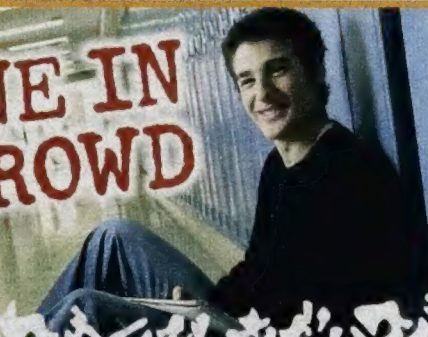
We almost ran over one boy as he was skateboarding down Pine Street on the hill into town.

Everyone seems to wonder why the kids are always getting in trouble yet when they do build something they really enjoy they lose it.

I have teenage grandchildren who do not use this skateboard area however they don't understand why their friends can't skateboard anymore.

I cannot answer the question because I don't have the answer either.

Mary Lawr
Essonville



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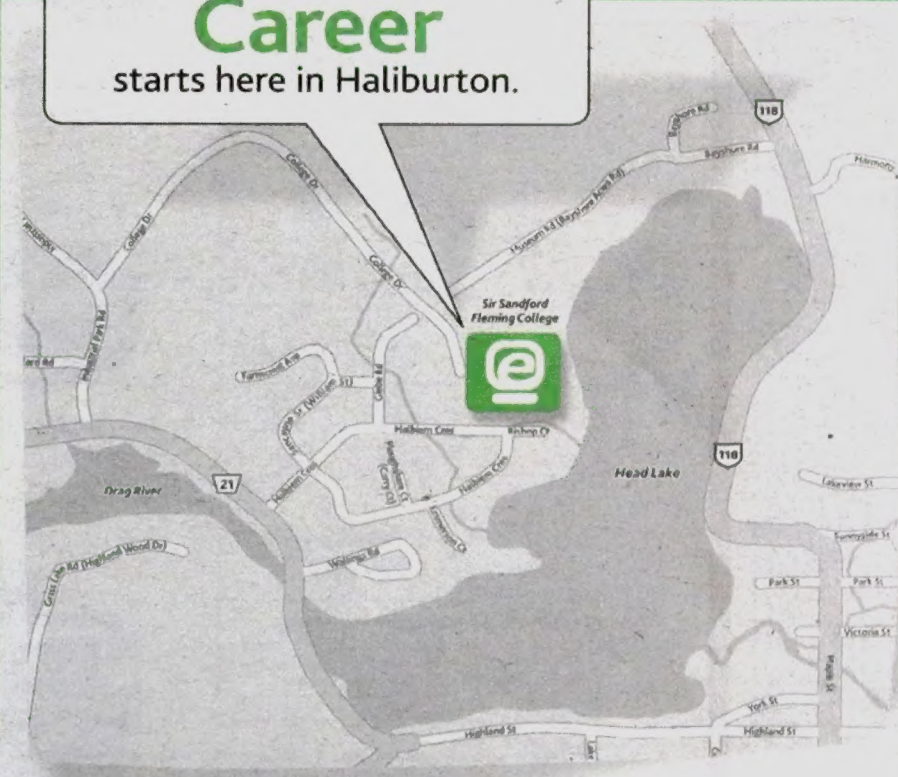

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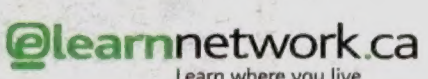


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Internet can enlighten

To the Editor:

Re: Iraq war cannot be supported.

Mr. Boots refers to "Youtube, What you did not know about the war."

Please check also democracynow.org and click on the winter soldier archives. This information is not broadcast by mainstream media.

Pay special attention to "rules of engagement" that change on a daily basis.

You can argue that the Canadian troops do not practice such atrocities, but don't bet on it.

Afghanistan has a culture over 3,000 years old. Let them govern themselves.

John Pugh
Haliburton

Support troops, not war

To the Editor:

Re: letter by Johannus Boots on support our troops banners

First of all, Canada does not have any troops in Iraq. Get your facts straight. We have troops in Afghanistan, sent over by then-prime-minister Paul Martin.

My father was one of those troops in

the Second World War and because of them I spent my 65 years in peace living in this FREE country. Foreigners from all walks of life have come to this free country and helped build and support it.

SUPPORT WAR - NEVER. SUPPORT OUR TROOPS - ALWAYS.

Gerald Jordan
Minden

Government sends the troops

To the Editor:

Re: Iraq war cannot be supported.

Dear writer, in God's name, don't you remember that you are one of those who sent our troops there in the first place! As we all know, soldiers go where they are told to go and do as they are told. They can't choose where they want to go and do what they want to do. Our democratically elected government makes this decision for them as citizens' majority of this country asks them to do.

If you are not happy with your government, I would suggest that you elect another one. This is your privilege, but don't criticize our soldiers who offered their life to our country. They deserve the highest recognition we, as citizens of this country, can and must give them.

It is also my impression, that the mentioned Iraq war is Saddam Hussein's legacy; it is a war between Sunnis and Shiites and our troops don't support it.

Our main military deployment is in Afghanistan, as we know, and the war there is a war against the international terrorists of all nationalities, trying to

implement the medieval laws by killing their Afghan citizens, (degrading the women and preventing children to get the education).

Our troops went there as a result of decision of our democratically elected members of parliament. If, however, anybody wants that decision to be changed, I would suggest, write to your MP. It is my impression, that our troops went there along with troops from other countries, members of NATO and the decision to go and fight there is our fulfillment to our NATO partnership.

Furthermore, if anybody is interested in peaceful solution to the threat of a nuclear war and its consequences, please, go and talk to the main sources of the nuclear threat, North Korea and Iran.

In conclusion I believe that people should not take any information without thinking about it first. Simply "parrot repeating" what you read on YouTube or anywhere else is not in human nature. We, unlike the parrots, choose to think and not to repeat everything what we hear or read.

Milan Frybort
Tory Hill

Canadians in Afghanistan not Iraq

To the Editor:

I do believe you don't even know where our troops are. My nephew who serves for our country, was stationed in Afghanistan not Iraq.

I was very proud of him, and no I don't, nor do I ever want to do what he did for our country.

You obviously have no relatives or friends or acquaintances that have any-

thing to do with helping to serve our country.

I do hope the storybook never turns a page on you, when you may need help from "our troops."

Haliburton, hang those banners high. I wear my poppy proudly and support every troop there is and ever was!

Ann Harrop
Haliburton

MORE LETTERS

Wear red on Fridays

To the Editor:

I support the troops and have their magnetized sign on my fridge. I also support wearing red on Fridays. That does not mean I support ANY war. All wars should be illegal. These men and women are where they are by choice, they were not drafted into the military. These troops and their families need support both away and at home. They

choose to try to help another country to enjoy some of the same rights and freedoms that we have here in Canada.

We have these freedoms because of our Troops. To complain about the signs and banners with Remembrance Day just a few days away is in my opinion shameful

Mary Lawr
Essonville

Writing letters to editor is a freedom

To the Editor:

You actually have a problem with supporting our troops. One can support the troops you know without supporting the war itself. If you don't like the signs, don't look at them.

First of all, I don't believe Canada has sent any of its troops to Iraq. Afghanistan yes, but not Iraq. Secondly, do you really think any member of our armed forces has a choice about where they are

sent? These men and women put themselves in harm's way in service for our country. The least we can do is support the very difficult job they are doing. In fact, their being there ultimately gives you the freedom to write the letter you did. You may want to think about that when you wear your poppy this week.

Janine Harrison
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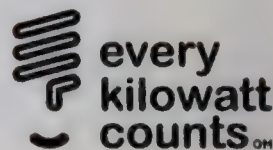
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OLYMPIC TORCHES

Ron Roberts lights up his retirement

Wilberforce man oversees building of 17,000 Olympic torches

TERRANCE GAVAN

Special to the Echo

Last spring Ron Roberts was enjoying his retirement, curling at the Wilberforce rink and, like most residents of cottage country, already looking forward to some warm weather and a leisurely summer of fun and sun on the lake.

Then he got a phone call from his old employer, Jet Moulding Compounds Inc. in Ajax, Ont., asking if he'd consider coming out of retirement for a "very special" manufacturing project.

The job? Well, definitely not your run-of-the-mill venture.

Roberts was asked by his old boss if he'd be willing to oversee the manufacture of 17,000 Olympic torches, the same white standards that are now wending their way across Canada, during the run-up to the 2010 Winter Olympics scheduled for February in Vancouver, B.C.

Understand that Roberts retired back in 2006 from Jet Moulding, where he worked for 27 years as a technical service representative. He was, like a lot of recent retirees, enjoying the leisurely pace of small-town life.

And now, he was suddenly offered an exciting opportunity to mould a team – a 12-person crew assembled especially for the project – that would be creating the standards carried by thousands of torch bearers from across Canada.

This was one of those "once in a lifetime opportunities" and an intriguing

challenge, says Roberts. And it didn't take him very long to tell his old boss that he was in.

Of course he had to run it by his wife Mary, who as it turns out, has been entirely supportive of her husband's decision to fully immerse himself in this post-retirement venture.

Since May, Roberts has been working 10-hour days, four days a week – from Monday to Thursday – returning home to Wilberforce for an extended three day weekend, where he says Mary always has a number of less technically exasperating "chores" for him to do.

But there were times (because of the stringent quality control aspects of the project, which is ultimately overseen by Bombardier Canada) when it definitely seemed like work. "We do the moulding of the shell in Ajax and the pieces are sent to Bombardier in Quebec for the final assembly and the installation of the gas tank," says Roberts. "The slightest defect means that the shell is rejected and so sometimes it got a little frustrating."

But now, with the torch so visible on television each night, he says the team has been re-energized to the task.

In fact, it was with no small amount of pride that Roberts and his wife watched the ceremony in Greece and followed the ensuing television coverage as one of "his" torches launched the cross-Canada relay.

"I got a little moist around the eyes when I watched the ceremonies," says Roberts, who adds that 2,000 torches are destined for the Paralympic Winter

Games, which are held shortly after the able-bodied event.

Roberts says that the project was supposed to wrap up by the end of September, but now looks like it may stretch out another month. He says they have approximately 4,000 torches remaining on the production schedule, but that his whole team is proceeding apace in order to get the torches out as soon as possible.

"Yes there's a lot of pride involved in it right now," says Roberts. "The start up was a very demanding thing and was a learning process, but now we're really rolling out with these things and there's a great sense of pleasure for our whole team. More and more as I see it [the torch relay] moving across the country, there is a sense of pride and achievement."

He adds that the relay will be coming to Peterborough and Lindsay, and he says that he and Mary would like to make the trip to watch one of his lit torches up close and personal.

It hasn't all been fun and games, but he says he's enjoyed every facet of the process.

"Overseeing training at the beginning; that was certainly a challenge, but now we're coming to the home stretch, so we're all looking forward to finishing," says Roberts.

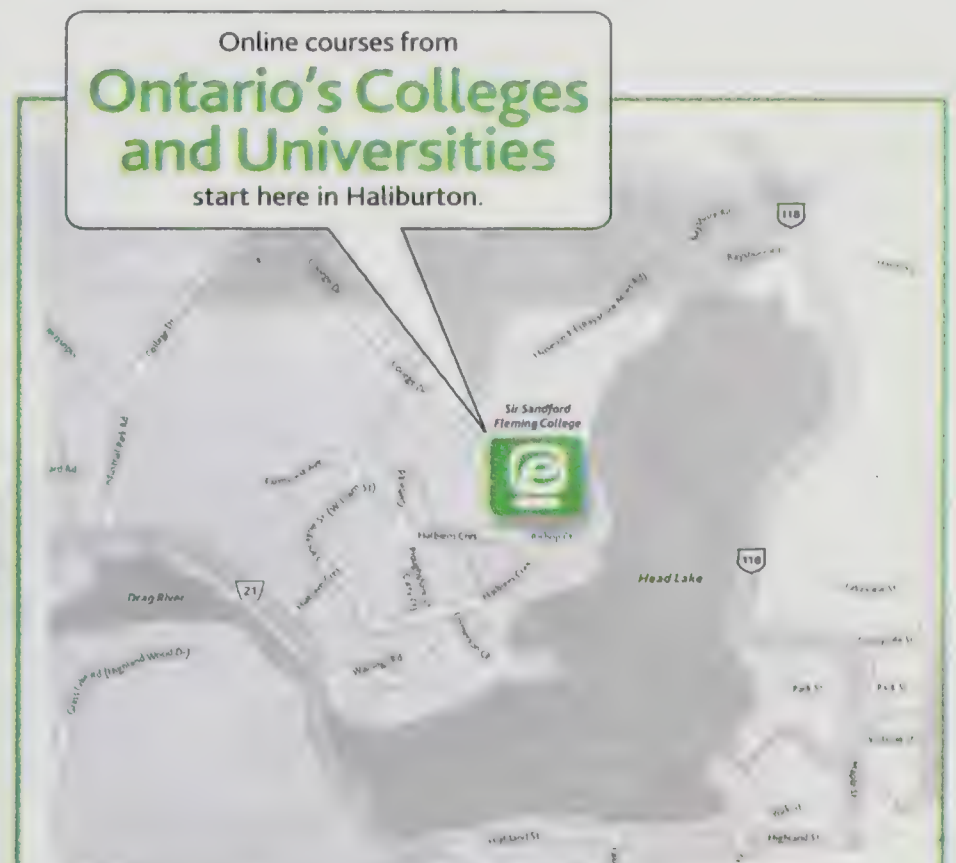
Mary brings an entirely different perspective to her husband's sudden re-insertion into the workplace.

"We have 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren and they are all very excited about this whole thing," laughs Mary.

Ron and Mary bought their home on Loop Road back in 2001. They moved to Wilberforce permanently in 2003, but for two-plus years Ron made the twice-daily 2.5-hour commute to Ajax and back before finally calling it a career in 2006.

He's looking forward to his well-earned second retirement and hoping to be back curling at the local rink before Christmas.

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LOCAL WRITER

Poetry book sees world through child's eyes

JENN WATT

Editor

Trained as a primary school teacher and inspired by her own childhood in Haliburton, Carrie Heyes has published her first book of children's poetry, *Doodads*.

The collection is a whimsical walk through childhood experiences such as the thrill of getting the top bunk bed, the love of candies and cookie dough, a recipe for "swamp water" (a mix of juices and pops), and a lament against wearing nylons.

The theme is "seeing the world through children's eyes," Heyes said in an interview from her Lexington, Ky. home.

Heyes is the daughter of Dr. Bob and Jane Heyes and now lives with her husband, who is in medical school in the U.S. She said she hopes to move back to Canada when his studies are completed.

"Kids see things more in black and white," she said, and she reflects those thoughts in her work. And although most of the poems are "warm and fuzzy a couple make you stop and think," she said.

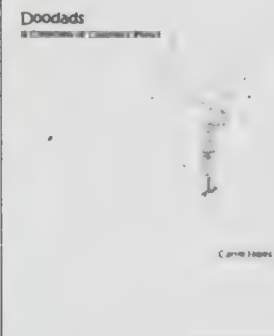
For example, the short poem "Feeling Badly": "Yeah. I want attention ... that's why I'm being bad. / I'm lonely. And I feel left out. My feelings hurt. I'm sad."

Heyes initially took the traditional route of sending out manuscripts to publishing houses, but after receiving a few rejections decided to self-publish.

"I said, you know what? I'm just going to do it," Heyes said.

So this past summer she did.

Taking the production and marketing into her own



Carrie Heyes, left, self-published her first book of poems, *Doodads*, this summer.

The whimsical collection draws on her experiences as a kid growing up in Haliburton.

Photo submitted.

hands, Heyes picked up a pencil and started drawing. After illustrating the entire book, she and her husband uploaded it to the web, where it is now on sale through Amazon.com.

She also launched her own website: www.carrieheyes.com where she employs new media such as YouTube to

engage with readers on a more grassroots level.

Video of Heyes reading her poems is easily viewed from the site.

The book can be purchased online at Heyes's site, and she is also easily contacted by email at carrie@WhipperSnapPress.com.

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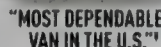
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■ NHL HOCKEY

Duchene scores 2nd goal

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TERRANCE GAVAN*Special to the Echo*

The Colorado Avalanche took a chance at the beginning of the 2009-10 hockey season.

The retirement of their team captain and most prolific scorer, Joe Sakic, forced the Avalanche management to make some decisions.

The Avs made a conscious decision to go young.

They kept two 18-year-old, 2009 entry draft picks on the roster.

The play of the two young centers, Haliburton's Matt Duchene (third overall pick in the 2009 entry draft) and Ryan O'Reilly (33rd overall second round pick), from Clinton, Ont., is turning heads around the league.

And so is the Avs eye-popping won-lost record.

Heading into last weekend's game against Chicago – last Friday night at Denver's Pepsi Centre – the Avs were leading the Western Conference with a 11-3-2 record, and were also a perfect 5-0 at home.

Duchene has two goals and five assists in 16 games this season. His second goal came Oct. 30 in San Jose, a shorthanded effort in a 3-1 loss against the Sharks.

Last week, a day after a 4-1 win over Phoenix at the Pepsi Center in Denver, the coaching staff decided to give Duchene a day off from practice Thursday, after Duchene injured his shoulder in Wednesday night's

game versus Phoenix.

Head coach Joe Sacco said that there wasn't anything to worry about, and that Duchene would be back in uniform on Friday, Nov. 6, for a home game against the Chicago Black Hawks.

The coach added that the injury occurred in the third period of Colorado's 4-1 victory over the Coyotes. "He took a hit in front of our bench and fell awkwardly," Sacco said, in a Denver Post story by Avs beat-writer Adrian Dater.

Sacco said that he kept the rookie off the ice on Thursday as a precautionary measure.

"We wanted to keep him off ... to make sure he didn't do anything further to it," said Sacco. "He should be fine tomorrow night [Friday, Nov. 6]."

The Avs have been pleasantly surprised by both O'Reilly's and Duchene's play thus far in the season.

Jean Martineau, senior vice-president of communications for the Avalanche, talked by phone with the Echo from his office in the Pepsi Centre last Thursday afternoon, and mentioned that both young players possessed all of the prerequisites crucial to success in the league. "Both players are doing very well," said Martineau.

He added that both players were being integrated slowly into the system. Duchene is living in the home of veteran Adam Foote and O'Reilly is billeted in the



Matt Duchene is thriving on the Colorado Avalanche team. /File photo

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Coaches very happy with Duchene

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home of Darcy Tucker.

It's a nice twist on a template forged by the Pittsburgh Penguins, when a young Sidney Crosby spent a formative rookie year in the home of Mario Lemieux.

Martineau said that Duchene is one of those gifted players who brings both talent and savvy to the table. He added that the coaching staff are extremely happy with his progression thus far into the young season.

"He's playing great," said Martineau. "He's no different than a lot of rookies, and it takes some time to adapt to the pace, but he is a very mature player and the whole organization is extremely happy with Matt."

Meanwhile, part of that rookie learning curve includes the de rigueur initiation into the fraternity of the hard knock.

Sacco, had alluded to some lack of pop in the Avs line up earlier in the season, a problem that was allowing some teams to take some runs at their high flying rookies.

Sacco allowed that the return of Cody McLeod to the Avs lineup seemed to make a difference in "upping their feistiness quotient."



Matt Duchene in the red and white jersey stands in front of the Leaf goal during his first game against the Toronto Maple Leafs last month. /File photo

The *Denver Post* reported that McLeod, wearing a protective visor after missing a couple weeks with an eye injury, "got into it with several Coyotes players and came to the aid more than once for rookie line-mate Duchene."

Sacco praised McLeod's play and that of the Duchene-centered second line overall.

Duchene took a chippy elbow to the face by Phoenix's Martin Hanzal in the third period, and McLeod wasted no time going after Hanzal.

Sacco, known for some feisty play

himself, during a journeyman career that spanned stints with the Leafs, Ducks, Islanders, Caps, and Flyers, fully endorsed McLeod's intervention on Duchene's behalf.

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SENSE OF COMMUNITY

McKeck's Blue Line starts up

JENN WATT

Editor

After a fire in the Village Barn took away her storefront and smoke damage eliminated much of her stock, Kathy Stouffer wasn't sure what she was going to do for the Christmas holidays, especially with a large shipment of books set to arrive for the big retail rush.

What she didn't know was that just down the street, Maarten Steinkamp and Karen Fryborg were thinking the same thing.

The owner and manager of McKeck's Place restaurant, respectively, were standing at the bar thinking about how they could assist their neighbour.

"We're supposed to help each other," Fryborg says.

The pair came up with an idea: give Stouffer the use of the Old Country House, which stands vacant across the street, for a few months rent and utility free.

It seemed like a good fit, especially given the new initiative called "The Blue Line" launched just months previous, which endeavours to aid community members in need.

"It demonstrates we're putting our money where our mouth is," Steinkamp says.

Stouffer says she is grateful for the space: "having a main street presence again will be good."

On Friday, a group of McKeck's employees came together at the Old Country House to give Stouffer a tour of her new, temporary store. Some were also tasked



McKeck's manager Karen Fryborg explains Operation Christmas Child to employees who are being paid by the restaurant to do community work while renovations are done to the building. /Jenn Watt photo

with filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child, one employee grabbed a box of Remembrance Day poppies to sell at the Beer Store, while still more headed to George Street to help Places for People renovate its first affordable housing project.

All of the employees are being paid by Steinkamp for their community work while the restaurant is under renovation.

"This clearly demonstrates what the new McKeck's is all about," he says.

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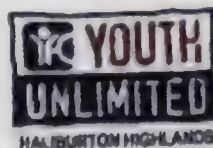
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TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

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The money – half from the federal government and half from the county – has widened and flattened the route used by cyclists, joggers, walkers and ATVs.

"We're trying to appease the non-motorized users who want exclusive access," Hoeverman said.

There has long been contention over whether the trail should be non-motorized users only or whether ATVs can co-exist with this group. The trail is currently open for both groups.

Devolin, who is a regular jogger of the trail, said that he has never seen any conflict between the two groups and has no problem when encountering ATVs.



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DEVELOPMENT

Silver Beach is one of a kind

It's close enough and far enough away from the city

KATRINA CHVEDUKAS

Co-op student

Six years ago Gerry Kowalski bought the Silver Beach trailer park – 22 acres of property along the shores of Kashagawigamog Lake.

Since then Kowalski has spent countless hours laying the groundwork for a new housing neighbourhood. Now the time has come for the Silver Beach Lifestyle Community to begin. Construction on the first block of six townhouses began two weeks ago.

"It's in the perfect location," Kowalski says. "It is far enough to give the feel you're out of the city but if you ever want to make a trip back you're close enough to do that. It's close to town, close to health care."

Silver Beach is a \$30-million development and the only one of its kind in Ontario's cottage country. There will be 23 townhouses and 36 detached homes, bringing in 59 new homeowners to the Haliburton area.

"It'll be great for the local economy," Kowalski says. "Storeowners will get their [the residents'] business, restaurants and grocery stores will as well. It'll benefit the Haliburton area as a whole."

The houses are one-third sold at pre-construction prices, but due to inflationary pressures prices are expected to be going up after January 1, 2010.

It is understandable that people would wait until they see the finished project before they start looking into a promised development. In the past there have been promises that haven't been kept, and developments that kept falling through. But Kowalski says, "People interested should look now. There should be no more waiting."

In order to start the development process, Kowalski had to first get municipal and ministry approval before they could build and that took some time. It was a difficult process due to

the fact that Kashagawigamog Lake is a category two lake, meaning it is very sensitive to lake trout.

"It is a lot of work and effort to put together a project like this. Some people just don't understand the work that is put into a development and that's probably why so many have failed. I was lucky that council recognized the need for the community."

When asked if there was any doubt in the project Kowalski didn't hesitate before saying,

"Never. I had no doubt at all. I had done all of my homework; I did all the research that was possible for a project like this and I believe it is a good formula. I hired the highest end professionals for the jobs to ensure things were done right.... Sure, there were days people probably wanted to shoot me but I never gave up. I'd seen the need for something like this in Haliburton and I provided the enthusiasm and the dream."

The \$250,000 water treatment plant has been installed and hydro is now being installed along with telecommunications and underground propane lines. The sewer collection system and water distribution system have been completed. Contractors will be working on the project all winter.

It is going to be a gated community with stone and iron gates, and also has the benefit of being a professionally managed community. A digital entry system will be at the front gate, with the names of the residents. Like apartment buildings you just have to buzz them and the homeowner you're visiting will let you in. The community is connected to the Pinestone Resort golf course by a direct wooded trail. With a purchase of a home you get a free couples membership for your first year.

Each home will have hardwood and ceramic, hydronic heating and zone controls and optional floor warming, handicap accessible light switches,



Gerry Kowalski's Silver Beach Lifestyle Community laid the first block in its construction recently. The new neighbourhood is the first of its kind in cottage country./File photo

granite countertops and undermount stainless steel sinks. A Stainless Steel fridge, stove, dishwasher, microwave oven, front load washer and dryer as well as soft close kitchen cupboards will be included. The houses will be made out of stone and 50-year wood siding, lots of windows, fibreglass shingles and all homes have attached garages.

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"There is something for everyone," Kowalski said. "There are so many style and model choices, it is hard to NOT satisfy."

"Silver Beach offers Homeowners the lifestyle they've always dreamed of. We're going to make their dreams a reality."

So far there have been 19 pre-sales and the people are already connecting with their new neighbours.

"They've already begun to

form the basis of the social aspect of the community; they go out to dinner and do things together. They've gone to the GE Appliance Design Centre and have chosen their appliances with each other. It's really neat."

Also Silver Beach has been environmentally friendly. All of the trees that were removed were shipped to a pulp and paper plant for recycling and with all of the excavated material and the rock they blasted, they've made their own gravel to put on the roads and have stockpiled plenty of topsoil and landscaping rock. They will be replacing the trees they had to remove in order to build, along with extensive landscaping throughout

this gated community.

This whole development has been a big accomplishment and a long ride and it is starting to pay off. Creating something like this is a great learning experience for anyone and Kowalski agrees.

"I learn everyday. Nothing is carved in stone. I've learned you have to be willing to be flexible and to never make a plan and assume it's going to work exactly like you've planned. You have to be able to give some leeway and take it and see what you can do to improve things to make the project better as it develops. I've learned so much and met many great people. I'm very thankful."



Silver Beach started laying blocks in construction of the first six townhouses at the new development on Lake Kashagawigamog. /Photo by Katrina Chvedukas.



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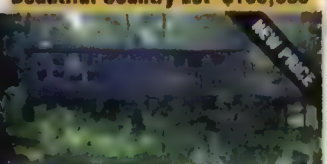
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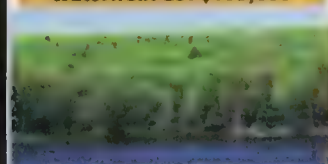
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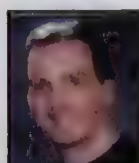
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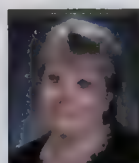


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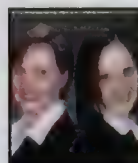
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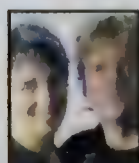
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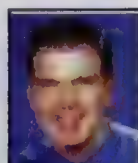
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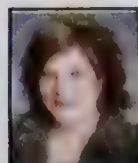
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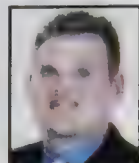
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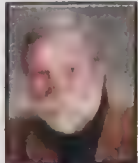
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CONFERENCE

Women from all over descend on Highlands

Pinestone is visited by 46 Canadian Federation of University Women

HEATHER THOM

Special to the Echo

"WOMEN CAN DO IT" was the theme of the Ontario North Fall Gathering of the Canadian Federation of University of Women (CFUW) on October 24, 2009 at Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands branch, the conference attracted 46 women from clubs across the north of Ontario, including Thunder Bay, North Bay, Sudbury, Muskoka, as well as Haliburton Highlands.

Two local women, Margaret Risk, Chair of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board, and Roxanne Casey, General Manager of Canoe FM Radio, were featured speakers. Other speakers were CFUW National President, Patricia DuVal, from Montreal; the CFUW Coordinator for International Relations, Ardith Toogood from Kitchener-Waterloo; the president of the CFUW Ontario Council, Myra Willis from Oakville; the Regional Director, Ontario North, Brenda Robertson from North Bay; and Susan Russell, the Executive Director of

CFUW in Ottawa.

Participants enjoyed hearing about the work that CFUW does at the national and international level. The Ontario Council of CFUW advises and directs the Ontario government on issues that affect women, such as workplace harassment, violence against women and environmental toxins. With 10,000 members in clubs across Canada, CFUW brings a non partisan, grass roots approach to resolutions directed to the Canadian Government on issues relating to women – employment insurance, pay equity, child care, poverty, among others. CFUW also works with other agencies, such as CARE CANADA, to assist women in emerging countries including Nepal. CFUW has a voice at the United Nations and was responsible in bringing forward a motion to form a high level agency for women at the U.N., which was recently passed.

The International Federation of University Women works in developing countries in Africa to assist women with education, literacy, small business loans and other resources. There are over 50,000 members in IFUW in 120 countries in the world. The voices of CFUW and

IFUW are respected in the government of Canada and the U.N because they are the voices of "civil society," reflecting a well researched, balanced, grass roots approach to concerns of women.

Marg Risk traced the development in health services that she has witnessed, and in some cases helped to happen, in her long and distinguished career in nursing and health care. She urged women to seize opportunities and if opportunities don't come then, "go knocking." Roxanne Casey entitled her speech "The challenges and adventure of volunteers paddling the "Canoe" in unknown waters." She described the role of the community radio, how it differs from commercial radio and how she provides the programming with a dedicated group of 81 volunteers. The taped "on air bloopers" brought a laugh from the audience, especially as some Canoe volunteers struggled to say Kashagawigamog correctly.

CFUW was started in 1919 and the local Haliburton Highland club began in 2003. It has a membership of approximately 50 members from throughout the county. Its focus is education and it awards an annual bursary of \$500.00 to a graduating Haliburton High School young woman proceeding to university. Club members are involved in the community as volunteers and fundraise to support local causes relating to education and women. The club is open to all women who have a post secondary education or to any woman who supports the mandate of CFUW. If you would like the opportunity to be part of this work please come to the next CFUW meeting in the Great Hall at Fleming College on November 19, 2009 at 7 p.m. The speaker will be Sandra Dupret, Principal of Sir Sandford Fleming College in Haliburton. For membership information please call 457-2064.



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OTTAWA

Devolin pleased with sixth Capital Experience

Local MP Barry Devolin completed three days of meetings Nov. 3 with 16 local secondary school students who took part the sixth Capital Experience program.

The program started this past Sunday when two or three students from each of the riding's seven secondary schools left for Ottawa in an effort to show them more about various careers in public life that could await them following their post secondary education.

Graeme Lloyd, Kyla Suchovs and Kurran Devolin from Haliburton County participated in the trip sponsored by the Minden Rotary Club, Minden Kin Club, Haliburton Rotary Club and Haliburton Lions Club.

The trip's agenda included meetings with a diplomat from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a program advisor from the International Youth Programs Section, an advocate from Amnesty International, John Ivison from the National Press Gallery, Jenni Byrne (a graduate of Fenelon Falls Secondary School) formerly of the Prime Minister's Office and Tim Powers from SUMMA, a government relations firm.

"This trip opened my eyes to the multitude of opportunities that exist for young people leaving high school," said Kyle Gavin of Fenelon Falls Secondary School. "It is because of this trip I plan to investigate the International Youth Program through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and hopefully work this summer in different country. This will allow me to gain valuable global experience which will help me in the future."

"This trip came at the right time for me," said Sarah Hutchings of Brock Township Secondary School. "There is a lot of pressure for high school students to choose what we want to do in the future and this program opened my eyes to the many avenues available to me I might not have known of from just being in a small town."

"For me, the most common point many of the presenters stressed is if you are interested in something, and you have the ability and means, volunteer as much



Local MP Barry Devolin's Capital Experience students standing behind the Prime Minister's desk following a tour of Stephen Harper's Centre Block office. /Photos supplied

as you can," said Iain Becking of I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay. "It was said many times that by volunteering, you gain valuable life and work experience while at the same you support the organization you are helping."

"What I was able to pick up is that the skills I learn in university or college can be used in a variety of careers, not just the specific field I choose," said Jake McKend from Crestwood Secondary School. "I took a particular interest in how people with all sorts of different back-

grounds are able to find employment and contribute what they've learned in school as well as through their life experience."

"A number of service groups and local businesses stepped forward to sponsor a student from their community," said Devolin. "I want to thank them for helping me to make these young people more aware of the career options available to them."

Submitted by the office of Barry Devolin



Capital Experience trip goers stand in front of the parliament building in Ottawa on their recent visit.

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WILDLIFE IN YOUR BACKYARD

It's deer hunting season in the Highlands and certainly deer spotting season on the wildlife pages. Page 27 is full of great shots of fall visitors.

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Have you snapped a picture of a sneaky raccoon in your bird feeder or a buck on your lawn?

Send it in to jwatt@haliburtonecho.ca. Please send large file sizes so we can give your photo its due.



Dave Sawyer caught a thief in the act in West Guilford.



Mike Bevan caught this joyful bandit looking for bird food in an empty container on Little Redstone Lake.

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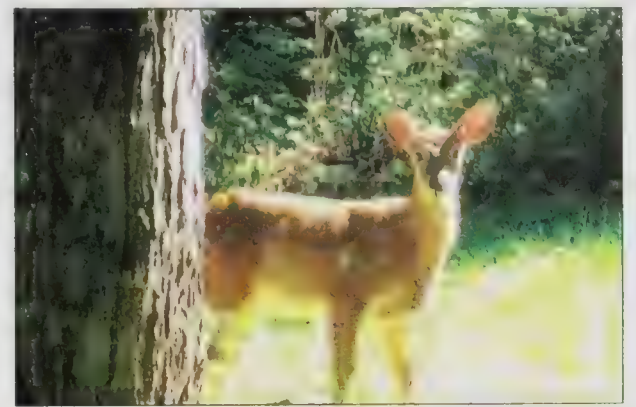
WILDLIFE CONTINUED



Patricia and Gary Hunt photographed these deer on Spruce Lake. The couple reports a hunting dog was close behind.



Don Cameron saw this big buck right in Haliburton.



Lynn Craigmyle found this little Bambi.

REMEMBRANCE DAY NOVEMBER 11, 2009

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Minden - Legion Branch 636
Sunday, November 9th, 2008

2:00 p.m. Parade Route from Municipal Parking Lot to Bobcaygeon Rd to the Village Green
2:30 p.m. Service at the Cairn located at the Village Green
Immediately following the service, a reception will be held at the Minden Legion

Kinmount - Legion Branch 441
Tuesday, November 11th, 2008

11:00 a.m. Service and lay of wreaths at Kinmount Cenotaph
Everyone is welcome back at the Legion Hall after service for luncheon

Kinmount - Legion Branch 441 (Geelt Service)
Saturday, November 8th
1:00 p.m. Service at Cemetery in Geelt

Haliburton - Legion Branch 129
Tuesday, November 11th, 2008

10:00 a.m. Church Service at Legion
10:30 a.m. Parade off to Cenotaph for the Service and then parade back to the Legion
Everyone is welcome back at the Legion Hall after service
5:00 p.m. Social Hour at the Legion
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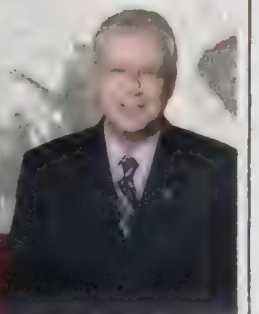
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Martha Perkins accepts flowers at her goodbye party on Oct. 31 and visits with close to 300 people who dropped by the afternoon open house and the party later that night.

MARTHA PERKINS

Saying goodbye is hard to do

TERRANCE GAVAN

Special to the Echo

So, how do you say goodbye, to a colleague, a mentor, a confidante, a soul mate and a trusted friend?

How do you say farewell after 24 years?

How do you thank a person who has invested more than two decades of care, a moveable feast of assiduous prose, and a significant piece of her heart to her community – and home?

How do you thank Martha Perkins, erstwhile editor of the *Haliburton Echo* and *Minden Times*, who has, since arriving here back in 1985, been attached almost umbilically to every facet of daily life in the Haliburton Highlands?

If Martha Perkins had worked on Bay Street in Toronto, they might have feted her with a dinner at the Royal York, toasted her over champagne and caviar, and ended with the presentation of a gold watch.

But Martha Perkins, born in Lindsay, Ont., worked on the hard edge of the Canadian Shield, in cottage country; a people person, at home here in rural Ontario, where community has always trumped commerce.

Martha Perkins is a storyteller. And, in 24 years she etched her personality on

the landscape of this tiny enclave, where narrative rules, and history is firmly entrenched on the printed page of the weekly newspaper.

So it was fitting that her friends and colleagues saluted Martha Perkins at the Haliburton Curling Club, an unpretentious and welcoming locale, and the perfect venue for a woman who has always eschewed glamour and glitz for the nuts and bolts of small-town life.

Perkins is leaving Haliburton after 24 years to take a position with the *Bowen Island Undercurrent* newspaper. Bowen Island is a 20-minute ferry ride from North Vancouver, where Perkins and her soulmate of 24 years, Jean-Edouard de Marenches, have already found a home.

More than 300 people filed through two afternoon sessions last Saturday at the curling club, some tearfully, some with wide smiles. Some came with old pictures and some brought weathered clippings penned by Perkins. They all came with their own stories of their "Martha."

A diverse crowd with one thing in common: a deep and abiding respect for a woman who brought a uniquely candid perspective to her job.

They came to say thanks and they came to tell her that she would be missed.

During the afternoon session, the Haliburton Rotary Club presented Perkins

with the prestigious Paul Harris fellowship, an award recognizing her many contributions to the community and the people of Haliburton.

On Saturday night, another 100 friends and co-workers assembled to formally thank Perkins, who told the crowd, in a moving speech, that she has always been the interloper, a conduit for the many stories and people that inhabit the nooks and crannies of the Haliburton Highlands.

For the last 24 years Martha Perkins has been an intrinsic part of Highlands history, documenting births, deaths, reunions, the stories of settlement, and the stories that shake and rattle the bones of any community. She was a front line person, but was, above all, invested in telling the story of the people that told the stories.

Perkins accepted the praise with unassuming *laissez faire*, and downplayed the flowing elegiacs, preferring instead to thank the people who she said made her time here so special.

"You're saying these nice things about me and it touches me so incredibly and deeply," said Perkins. "But it's just so simple. This job is so incredibly simple. You hire people who you really like, and who are really great people, and you live in a community that has so much going on, and you get together and you share

ideas, and you let people be who they are, and grow; and by the end of it you have this product that is so much bigger than you as a person and so much bigger than the staff; and it's because you work together."

Sounds easy, doesn't it?

Don't believe it for a minute. Staff and colleagues said that it is precisely that capacity to lead by example, and to delegate with compassion, which made Perkins such a great editor and an even greater friend.

"When I first came to Haliburton Martha was one of the first people that befriended me," said Echo and Times columnist Steve Galea, who was called upon to act as the MC for the evening portion of the daylong goodbye to Perkins. "I gave her a call and when we got off the phone about an hour and a half later I thought, I've got a job – a very low paying job – but more importantly, I had made a friend, and that has always been the most important thing about my relationship with Martha."

Jenn Watt, who will be taking over as editor of the *Echo* and *Times*, has worked very closely with Perkins since arriving here to work as a reporter two years ago. She echoed many of the same sentiments heard over and over again last Saturday.

"It's been two years, but I feel like

Lots of accolades for Martha Perkins

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I've known Martha my whole life," said Watt. "And I think probably most of the people here feel the same way. During that time Martha has been a mentor and a friend to me. My editor and confidante. As an editor she was there for me when I returned from council meetings distraught because someone was yelling at me for what I wrote in the paper. As a friend she listened to me when I talked about my family issues. She's always open to critique as an editor. She's very open to talking about everything."

Len Pizzey, former *Echo* and *Times* publisher, said there was always "something about Martha." Something special.

"Twenty-four years ago I was editor of the paper and Martha came knocking on the door, and I took a chance, and I went on my gut instinct and I think in this case my gut instinct was right on," said Pizzey. "I couldn't have made a better choice. Three years later in 1988 I decided to make Martha the editor and in doing that I made a decision to make Martha responsible for the content of the newspaper. Over all those years I never regretted it and I think that it's one of the best decisions I ever made in my business life."

Pizzey also lauded Perkins's mentoring qualities, pointing to a number of guests in the crowd who had moved on from the *Echo* and *Times* to explore other avenues in journalism.

Canoe personality Mike Jaycock said that he, like a lot of new arrivals, asked Perkins for advice, and was



Jerelyn Craden sang "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," because Perkins will be missing her first Haliburton Christmas in 27 years.



Martha Perkins's partner Jean-Edouard de Marenches, left, laughs with Steve Galea, the MC for the evening goodbye party and Martha Perkins. Galea has written a humour column for the *Echo* and *Times* for more than a decade and was a funny and entertaining host for the evening.

immediately won over by her honesty. "I phoned her and said we're moving up [to Haliburton] in a year, and Martha typically said, 'come in Saturday morning, we'll have a coffee and we'll talk,'" said Jaycock. "We sat and we chatted for about an hour, and I remember thinking afterwards that 'we're going to like Haliburton county.' And Martha, you're just one of the best people we've ever known."

Mom and dad, Bill and Jean Perkins, made the trip from Lindsay to share in their daughter's bittersweet celebration. Perkins looked over at the table and was reminded of their integral part in her journey.

"Mom and dad had their 50th wedding anniversary," said Perkins. "I'm seventh of eight children and we got up in birth order to talk about our childhood. And when I got up I said I have to apologize to everybody, because I am just so lucky and just so incredibly blessed. It's got nothing to do with me; I'm just lucky because I grew up with unconditional love."

"I grew up with parents who loved me, sisters and brothers who loved me, so much stability and security; everything was possible. They loved me and they believed in me and that's how I went into the world and I got my degree from Ryerson. And in September of 1985, Len, thank God, hires me."

She went on to tell of her first meeting with the man who was to become her life partner back in September of 1985 when she was at the Domain of Killien. "Jean-Edouard [the Domain's innkeeper] wasn't the person I was interviewing, but I met him."

"So our first date was Dec. 12, 1985 at the Pinestone," said Perkins, who said that it was all part of the process that changed her and moulded her intrinsic ties to the Highlands.

"I went from being a child that was unconditionally loved to being a woman who had the confidence to know she's loved and that was a remarkable foundation for me," said Perkins. "I learned just to trust it, and I'm really one of those lucky people who has a foundation of love, and through the years we met people who loved us and who we loved."

Through it all there was also the paper, and the struggles with learning the ropes, all coming via that age-old alchemy of trial and error.

"Those pages were big and there was no news in Haliburton back then, and you had all these pages to fill," laughed Perkins, hearkening those scary formative days, filled with trepidation and that gut-wrenching fear of failure.

"And there was no news, so you know what?" she asked, gently surveying the room, before answering her own question. "I went into people's houses and I chatted. And I just talked to them, and I got them to tell me their stories and they opened up and they shared their lives with me. And then I went back and I wrote the stories and they shared their lives with readers and what happened was all these connections started getting made – between me and the people I was interviewing and between readers who would say, 'hey I didn't know that.' And it's a continuation, a process."

Call it the Perkins Principle. Tell a story, fill a page. Get up Monday morning and start all over again.

"I never look at the *Echo*, because by the time it comes out I'm preparing for next week," said Perkins, who added that she never had any doubt about the *Echo's* intrinsic contribution to the fabric and soul of the community.

"In those pages there is the life of a community, there are people with stories to tell and they are stories of sadness and incredibly heart-wrenching tragedy," said Perkins. "There are stories of incredible happiness. People came in today with stories of pictures I had taken. It's the blessing about being part of people's lives and it's an incredible privilege. Because it's not me and not about me but it's about the community."

She said that it was an incredibly hard thing, this departure.

"Tonight is a funny night because there are so many good friends and all these amazing people that I've worked with," said Perkins. "They've made me a better person and they have added things to my life. Today is the day that I just really know that we're going, and I am just so incredibly sad, and incredibly touched – I feel somehow that you're all coming with me."

She said that the move to North Vancouver and the career shift to the Bowen Island Undercurrent just seems to have come at the right time in her life.

"I'm so sad about leaving, but I'm also so excited about this life we're about to have," smiled Perkins, at the end of the night.

And of course, no speech from Martha would seem right without a nurturing nudge and some profound, if unsolicited, advice.

"Don't work so hard that it comes at the expense of that other part of your life," said Perkins. "Find balance. It's very important."

Martha's balance, in particular, will be missed.



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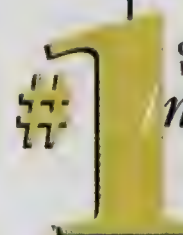
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RAILS END GALLERY

First show in Highlands for talented artist

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Special to the Echo

Abstract art uses a visual language of form, colour and line to create a composition that may indicate a departure from reality in depiction of imagery in art. Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Rails End Gallery saw the successful Haliburton debut of talented abstract artist Yves Ameline, and the small, bright front room of the gallery was the perfect backdrop to exhibit his breezy, colourful, meticulously designed acrylic landscapes.

Most of the landscapes the public gets to see in our local galleries are depictions of the Haliburton Highlands, and while that is all well and good, it's great to see a change occasionally.

A change was certainly in the offing at the opening reception, as the public got to see a part of the world most will never experience first hand. While Ameline has done landscapes of Haliburton, for this show, he chose to exhibit works of his native Brittany. Brittany occupies a large peninsula in the northwest of France, between the English Channel to the north and the Bay of Biscay to the south. It is unique in many ways, and is classified as one of the six Celtic nations.

"Smack in the middle of Brittany," is where Ameline grew up, and his love of his homeland was boldly exhibited at the Rails End, like washing hung out on a line. "I love the proximity of the sea, even inland," said Ameline, "There are barley fields that sway in the wind like the waves on the ocean. It's a land that has produced explorers and ocean racers."

In the nautical theme, several of the works on display at the Rails End are of Breton Harbour, and show sailboats and buildings around the port. There are also some beautiful landscapes of the Brittany interior. The atmosphere of light, particular to that part of the world, is very apparent in the pieces, even though the angles, colours and design aspects of the works replace conventional depictions.

"Brittany leaves a very strong impression, and I paint things as I feel them," Ameline explained. "I can't stay away for too long, and now I go back every couple of years."

Yves Ameline emigrated to Canada in 1961, after a year at Queen's University on an exchange scholarship. "When I first came over I was broke," he said, "and I couldn't go back for 15 years. It was harsh. Painting is my way of going back there. I paint most from memory. My background is in photography. I paint the same kind of things that I photograph, so photography has influenced me. I also do sketches because they help me identify and remember the key elements and atmosphere. When I start a work I quickly reference my sketches, and then I put them away. I always start with a design in mind, a plan as to light and dark colour schemes."

Ameline is an animated man, and he went to several of his paintings to demonstrate his concepts. He definitely likes colour, pattern and design, and it was apparent even in the geometric pattern on the sweater he wore for the occasion. But he's not one to become mired in his own formula. "Sometimes," he admitted, "the left side of the brain, which is logical, gives way



Drag Lake cottager, Yves Ameline, uses memories of his childhood in France to inspire his abstract art on display at the Rails End Gallery. /Photo by George Farrell

to the right side, which is emotional, and at such times things are totally unplanned." Again he went to one of his works to show that even though he had a concept for a particular section, what eventually transpired was not as he had originally intended.

Yves Ameline lives with his wife in Toronto, but the couple spends much of their time at their Drag Lake cottage. "I discovered the Highlands on my way back from Algonquin Park in the early '70s," he recalled. "First I was struck by the beauty, and then by the fact that it was less pretentious than Muskoka. What also attracted me was the Haliburton School of the Arts." In 1994, after an early retirement from a successful career as a marketing executive and part-time teacher at York University, he started taking classes at the internationally acclaimed School of the Arts, where he studied acrylics under artists John Leonard, Steve Rose and Brian Atyeo.

"From John I learned almost everything I know about art," Ameline says. "He taught me how to grow as an artist, and how to assess my own work. Steve Rose taught me how to think in abstract terms, and from Brian Atyeo I learned how to be adventurous with acrylics, and to take risks." Ameline paints for a very specific audience. "It's me," he laughs. "I don't need to make a living. As long as it pleases me. If other people

like it too, that's great. I once started painting in order to sell, but I didn't like where it was taking me. I'm always thinking of having fun. For me it's the process. It's the journey that matters, not the arrival. The act of painting is where the fun is, and I measure my success by how close I come to where I want to be. At my age [he's in his 70s], there are not many areas where one can still progress, and art is one of those areas where I'm still progressing. My advice to people who want to create is try to become a child again. Children are great artists until life beats it out of them. When they get to be older they try to conform. When I'm struggling I try to become a child again." The opening reception for Yves Ameline at the Rails End Gallery did not find him struggling, but childlike he bounded away, delighted to greet people who had come to see his work.

The bold and beautiful canvases of Yves Ameline are on display at the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre at 23 York Street in Haliburton until Dec. 19. For collectors the canvases are very reasonably priced, and for an uplifting experience, be sure to visit. For more information call the gallery, Tel (705) 457-2330, info@railsendgallery.com or access the website www.railsendgallery.com.



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Girls' field hockey

The reigning COSSA champions, the girls' field hockey team, travelled to Kitchener Nov. 5 to the OFSAA tournament. Although they didn't take the provincial title, they were all smiles in this group picture.

Back row: Rachel Burk, Brigitta Hicks, Vicky Bukta, Tara O'Sullivan, Kelsey Crowe, Monica Sullivan, Ali Hicks, Jillian Mayhew, Erin Pottier, Lily Coneybeare, Lindsey Pogue, Lucy Belli, Myia Newton, Brittany Howe, Grace Diezel, Heather Cumming, Tiffany vanLieshout.

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Bill to scrap long-gun registry passes next hurdle

Hunters' organization applauds MPs for supporting legislation

Bill C-391, An amendment to the Criminal Code (repeal of the long gun registry), passed a major hurdle in the legislative process Nov. 4 when it was approved at second reading in the House of Commons. For 14 years, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) has been determinedly fighting to scrap the long gun registry through media campaigns, rallies, presentations and meetings with public officials and politicians, and most recently, a national online petition.

The bill was introduced earlier this year by Candice Hooppner, Conservation MP for Portage-Lisgar, Man. Once passed, the bill will provide for the repeal of the long gun registry, created by the former Liberal government as part of Bill C-68 in 1995. The requirement to take firearms safety training, obtain a license and practice safe storage and transportation of legal firearms will not be impacted upon by the legislation.

"This is an important moment for law-abiding firearms owners across Canada. Since 1995, the Ontario

Federation of Anglers and Hunters, our provincial and territorial affiliates, recreational shooting organizations, hunters and farmers have been calling on the government to abolish the long gun registry, a paper trail nightmare which has cost Canadian taxpayers almost \$2 billion dollars, a far cry from the promised \$2 million dollar price tag," said OFAH manager of government relations and communications, Greg Farrant.

"We appreciate the fact that several members of the New Democratic and Liberal opposition in Parliament recognized the importance of this issue to their constituents and voted their conscience. Over the last few years, every major public opinion poll has clearly indicated that Canadians believe that the system has failed the test and hasn't enhanced public safety or saved lives."

The vote was one step in a long process that has seen law-abiding firearms owners across Canada and almost 80,000 signatories on petitions earlier this year

urging the government to end the long gun registry. Two major police associations, some police chiefs and many frontline police officers across Canada have also indicated that they support elimination of the long gun registry. "There is still much work to be done before Bill C-361 is finally passed, however this speaks to one important aspect of the government's larger commitment to scrap Bill C-68. Ms. Hooppner has shown a great deal of perseverance and has fulfilled a commitment to her constituents. She deserves a great deal of credit for recognizing the problem and tackling the issue head on," said OFAH executive director, Mike Reader.

"The bottom line is that criminals don't register firearms. Instead of creating a paper chase for the law-abiding, the system needs to be revamped to focus on law breakers who use illegal firearms, many of them smuggled into Canada from the U.S., to commit crimes in our communities."

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International rave reviews for local berry wine

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son were pleasantly surprised when they were notified last week.

"We're pretty happy," said Carol.

"There were over 750 different wines from around the world, and there were only 26 gold medal winners," said Eric. "We were in fruit and dessert wines category, and looking down the list of winners we were the only non-grape wine to get a gold."

They had entered a selection of their fruit wines in the competition last summer, and were patiently awaiting the results, which took some time. Winemaking is a painstaking process, and so, it seems, is waiting for winemaking awards.

"We sent the wines in August, the competition was in September, and it got into October and we hadn't heard anything," said Eric. A package with the gold

medal award arrived a few weeks ago and the official announcement came Friday in the form of an official press release.

Carol said that they had decided to send a cross-section of four of their most popular wines, which included plum, black currant, rhubarb, and maple sugar.

"We sent those wines, because they are, with the black currant, our most popular wines," said Eric.

It should be noted that their selection of almost 30 fruit and dessert wines have, since the Moon Shadows Estates start up in 2005, been drawing some rave reviews from Haliburton Highlands locals, cottagers, and tourists.

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They decided to go into winemaking in 2003, and the idea was to grow a business that centred upon maple sugar's integration with the fruit winemaking process. "We worked two years with the alcohol and gaming commission to get the category developed for a maple winery," said Eric. "It didn't exist before us."

"The fruit wines have a maple syrup base and the maple syrup is basically used for fermentation," Carol explained. And that process, along with the integration of Ontario fruit, forms the base for their burgeoning operation.

Eric said the black currants used for their gold medal winning table wine came from Milton, Ontario.

And the Thompsons added that the ride is not over yet for their award-winning Black Currant table wine.

"All of the gold-medal winning wines are going to be showcased at the Food and Wine Expo in Toronto in late November," said Eric.

Of course if you happen to live in the area, you won't have to wait that long.

Eric and Carol still have quite a few bottles of black currant tucked away up on the hill at the Maple Moon boutique.

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HHSS rapper Matt McDermott has achieved what so few will ever experience: Internet fame.

BOOSTALK

'It was all a shock,' says teen rapper

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The Net series, which is a popular television show on G4.com.

The next day Boostalk was 76th most Googled around the world.

"I was surprised at the sudden fame. There's not much to say to that. It was all a shock," Matt says.

Though his fame was sudden his parents aren't blowing it over the top.

As Matt says, "They're

just doing what most parents do. Trying to keep me happy

and being there when I need them. They give a lot of support."

Matt was previously working with Urban Smoke Records before the video was released, but after the boost in fame they decided to sign him as the first person on USR.

"They're helping me on improving my skills and organization assessments. They set me up with meetings, beats, software, etc. I've also got a website www.boostalk.com with a clothing line under USR's name."

Boostalk admitted that the lyrics in "We Gon Rock" have no real meaning

behind them, but his other pieces he's written do.

"My lyrics let people know that if you stand by a goal and not give up, you can get any place you want in life, as long as you want that. I just kept at it. I wrote stuff down on a piece of paper then made it into a song. I never gave up and now look where I am at."

Though he says he has no influences he knows he has a great supporter.

"My girlfriend has always been there for me

since the day we met," Matt said. "She has never given up on me once. She likes how I'm trying to do new and different things that no one tries to attempt."

To fans of Boostalk, a new video is in the making and coming soon, his new album *Ca\$h Flo*. With all this going on Matt still attends school and continues to work hard at making his new stuff bigger and better. But is this the beginning, or the short-lived end of Boostalk?

"You will never know where you'll end up," Matt says. "I'll just have to wait and see and hope for the best. That's pretty much all I can do."

Matt McDermott

“My lyrics let people know that if you stand by a goal and not give up, you can get any place you want in life.”



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HIFF

Line-up for film fest released

The third annual Haliburton Highlands International Film Festival (HIFF) announces an exciting line-up of films for the 2009 season. The festival will run Nov. 20, 21 and 22 at the newly renovated Beaver Theatre in Minden. The complete movie line-up is:

Friday, Nov. 20
7 p.m. MAN ON WIRE (UK/USA) documentary

9 p.m. DEPARTURES (Japan) comedy/drama

Saturday, Nov. 21
10:30 a.m. TULPAN (Kazakhstan) drama/comedy/romance

1:30 p.m. GOODBYE SOLO (U.S.) drama

3:30 p.m. EMPTIES (Czech Republic) drama/comedy

7:30 p.m. ONLY (Canada) drama

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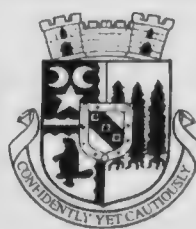
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Individual Film Festival tickets are \$8 and are available at the Beaver before each movie. Tickets for Sunday afternoon are \$10. For detailed festival film descriptions, visit www.haliburton-movies.com.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- **DATE:** Monday December 7th, 2009
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Boice:
 - Purpose and Effect: the proposed by-law will zone the subject lands to be consistent with the lands to which they will be added.
 - Zone change from WR6L to WR4L and LR
 - Location: Part of Lot 29, Concession 9, Guilford Township (Redstone Lake - Baybreeze Lane).
 - This application is a condition of application for consent H-084/2009
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FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 10th day of November, 2009.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Municipal Planner

Shootout decides outcome after two overtime periods of girls' field hockey

HHSS SPORTS Briefs

The following sports briefs were compiled by Judi Paul's class at HHSS.

Friday, October 30

The senior boys' soccer team competed in the Kawartha Championship tournament where they were defeated 3-1, with the only goal coming from Jesse Lefebvre.

The varsity girls' field hockey team hosted COSSA. In game one against Bancroft, the score was tied 1-1 on a goal from Lindsey Pogue after regulation time. After two overtime periods, the game was decided in a shootout, where Haliburton emerged victorious with goals from Kara Pogue, Vicky Bukta, and Megan MacDuff. In the second game against St. Peter's, the team became COSSA champions with goals from Lindsey Pogue and Megan MacDuff.

■ ATOM AE

Storm ends up second overall

The Atom AEs had a busy weekend with a practice Friday night to gear up for the all-day tournament in Campbellford Saturday, Nov. 7, where they played three games.

They won their first game against Millbrook to move onto the next game at 3 p.m. against Prince Edward County.

This was a more equally matched game and the Storm managed to get another win moving them on to the A final championship game against Peterborough.

This was a hard fought game for our short bench, our two lines to Peterborough's three and two goalies.

Our boys were the first team in the tournament to score against this team and managed to keep it a tie until the last minute and a half of the third period when Peterborough scored and the Storm was unable to match it.

The Storm ended up second overall in the tournament that hosted eight teams.

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It saw the first shootout for our goalie Anthony Bertucca, first goal for Carter O'Neill and Owen Smith, as the MVP for the third game.

With three games it is too difficult to mention all scorers names, but not to say how proud we are of our boys and the way they play as individuals and bring it together as a team.

After this late night the Storm hosted Amalguin in Haliburton on Sunday, Nov. 8 and though tired from the day before the boys rallied and got a 5-2 victory.

Their next game is Friday, Nov. 13 in Baysville with a home game Saturday, Nov. 14 in Minden against Gravenhurst.

Why not come out for some of the Highland Storm games (all levels) and possibly cheer on the next Cody Hodgson, Matt Duchene or maybe the next NHL goalie from Haliburton County (or Bancroft)!!

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Wilberforce Legion sponsors youth and elderly

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Mel Smith
448-3680

It is my pleasure to give Mel a hand this week and cover the Legion news. Mel, like so many other local community members, is away hunting this week.

Being part of Branch 624 Legion is very special. It is an extraordinary organization that promotes not only remembrance of Canada's veterans, but it is also an organization that works together sponsoring youth and the elderly in the Wilberforce community and it donates money to many other charitable institutions. At branch 624 there are many sports, recreation activities and other social activities to take part in. It is a fantastic organization to belong to and now is the time of the year to get your membership dues paid up. Please drop by the Legion and pay up your dues before the end of November and be part of the early bird draw.

Paying membership dues early gives you a chance to belong to not only a great organization, but gives you the chance to have your name drawn and your due fee reimbursed. New members are always welcome. Please drop by and get an application from the bar steward.

On Friday, Nov. 6, youth education officer Valerie Smith gathered the entries from Wilberforce Elementary School students to be judged for The Royal Canadian Legion Annual Poster and Literary Contest. Terry and Robert Clarke were very kind and came in to do the judging this year.

They can attest to how difficult it was to choose the winners. There were so many great submissions. We had some excellent submissions. We were very pleased to receive Remembrance Day posters from Grades 1 to 3 students in Mrs. Logan's class: Brittany Hewer, Sydney Little, Zachary Billings, Nolan Davidson-Blakey, Kadie Raimsey, Hailley Alden, Stuart Lockwood, Claudette May Cohen, Desmond Davies, Tyson Baumhour, Brooke Billings, Jordan Meharrie, Jacob Charleswood, Becca Pacey, and Austin French.

From Mrs. Bain's Grades 4 to 6 students we were very pleased to receive Remembrance Day posters and literacy pieces from the following students: Jade McCartney, Kelsey Maracle, Mark Lewis, Kendra Anderson, Jason Wood, Melinda Meharrie, Ethan Evans, Drew Deterling, Keisha Hughes, Cody Lampman, Cole Finlay, Taylor Lewis, Eryn Solmes, Lloyd Callfas, Samantha Savard, Lily Rose Drain, Susie Cachia, Dillon Tallman, Victor Townsend, Lloyd Callfas, Melinda Meharrie, Kelsey Maracle, Dylan Smith, Keisha Hughes and Melinda Meharrie.

We received one other excellent poster from a student who had forgotten to put his or her name on the poster, but it was an excellent submission as well.

All entries reflect remembrance with a Canadian theme. Entries were marked on the basis of originality of thought, expression, presentation, grammar, spelling and Canadian content. The entries will be on display at the Legion until following Remembrance Day. Please drop by to see the children's work.

I would like to share the following poem that was

written by Kelsey Maracle, a Grade 6 student.

In the month of November
Always remember
What they have been giving
To keep us living
They are so brave
You want to stand by their grave
So wear your poppy with pride
For all of those who sadly died.

As the Zone F-5 youth education officer, I will be taking all first place winners' submissions in each category to Peterborough to be judged in the Zone F-5 finals. All students from the Wilberforce Elementary School will receive a framed certificate for their excellent work and first, second and third place winners will be awarded a monetary prize and a framed certificate.

We wish all could be first place winners.

As the local trustee for the Trillium Lakelands District School, I would like to extend a very special thank you to all the Legions in Haliburton County for giving the students of Haliburton County the opportunity to participate in the poster/literary competitions. Your support and encouragement plays an active and significant role in helping our students develop their literacy and artistic skills. It is a privilege to work in partnership with friends in the school communities such as our local Legions.

The students of Wilberforce Elementary School will join comrades and community members at the Wilberforce cenotaph (located next to the Lloyd

Watson Community Centre) for our annual Remembrance Day Ceremony on

November 11. This is always a very moving experience that touches the minds and hearts of all. Please plan on attending the service at the cenotaph and following the service everyone is invited to return to the Wilberforce Legion for refreshments.

Veterans' Week is honoured the week of Nov. 5 to 11. Our veterans are ordinary men and women who did extraordinary things to protect our freedom and build a safer world to live in. Please pin a poppy above your heart, talk to a veteran, attend the Remembrance Day ceremony or drop

by to see the Wilberforce Elementary School presentation at branch 624. We will remember them!

There are always many great things happening at our local Legion.

Nov. 13 and 27 is the Community Care (seniors 55 years and older) Diners' Club lunch. Please make reservations through Gwen Otto 448-2106 or Community Care office at 457-2941. The Legion ladies always serve up an excellent lunch that is enjoyed by all.

Nov. 20, don't miss out on the all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The cost is \$6 per adult and \$3 for children.

This event takes place every month on the third Friday of the month. It has been enjoyed by hundreds of people. So plan on being one of the multitude and come out for this great meal!

Nov. 17, the Algonquin Shriners meet for dinner at the Wilberforce Legion.

Nov. 21, join us for a great evening of fun at our Karaoke evening starting at 9 p.m. to close.

Dec. 5, Wilberforce Legion Annual Wildlife Dinner starting at 5:30 p.m. Cost is only \$12 and this is a gourmet delight you will not want to miss. The menu is being prepared as you read this. It will consist of local wildlife game cooked to perfection. If anyone has any extra wildlife game you wish to donate, please contact the Legion at 448-2221.

There are daily events taking place at the Legion, please do not hesitate to drop by for a visit or call the Legion at 448-2221 for an update on what is occurring on a particular day.

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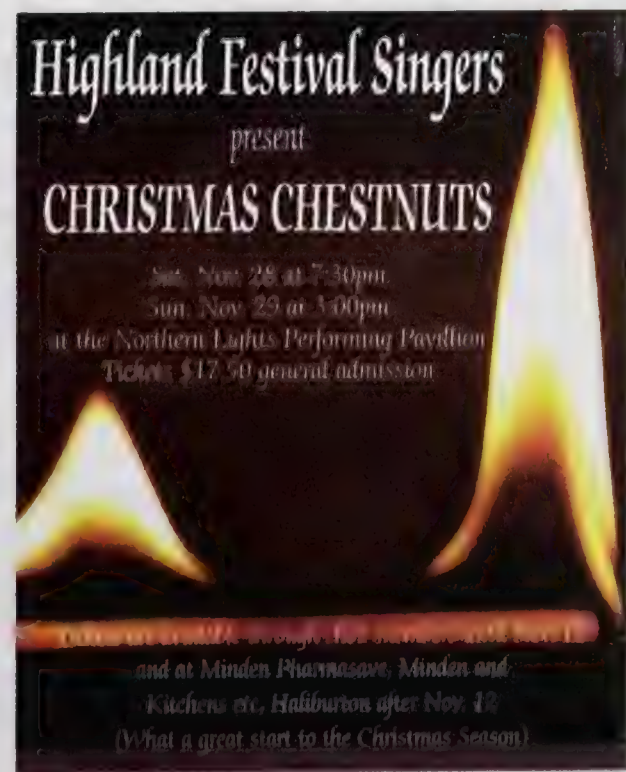


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Sat. Nov. 28 at 7:30pm

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■ WILBERFORCE NEWS

Annual Christmas craft sale was a welcome, fun event

community news

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

The Christmas Craft Sale at the Lloyd Watson Centre on Saturday, Nov. 7 wasn't just a sale. It was an event, a very welcome event. This annual sale of mostly local arts and crafts that Joyce Bowman has been orchestrating for 25 years was not only a great place to shop for gifts and treats, it was fun. Joyce and her family and helpers provided so many special touches this year. Yes, even Santa Claus (or was it the Mrs.?) was there, adding colour and being especially helpful in the kitchen. What a good time the children had decorating cupcakes and eating them in the Kids' Corner. And so many prizes to win. Congratulations, Joyce, for making this annual sale happen and for bringing vendors with such a variety of mostly handmade crafts, including your own great gift baskets.

It was good to have Jutta Dombroski back this year with her interesting items of recycled denim. Donna Atkinson was the lucky one who took home the dainty wee stained glass Christmas candle holder from the Heritage Guild table. How generous of Ron Roberts to add to the fun by arriving with one of the Olympic

torches that he has been in charge of producing for a company in Ajax. All in all it was a fine day at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre.

We wish Sam Rivers a very speedy recovery from recent health problems.

Luann Cogan, who has operated her Rose Petal Landing shop for the past two summers, has reopened next door with much more space. What a delightful store she has now set up. There are some excellent women's and girls' clothing, jewelry and a variety of treasures available at reasonable prices. She will be open on Fridays and Saturdays. Luann also has a room that she hopes individuals and small groups may book for a variety of gatherings. Luann has some great ideas for its possible use. Drop in soon and have a look at our newest shop. On opening day last Friday some shoppers were welcomed with tea and a cookie. Can't beat that.

What is going on? A dandelion blooming in my yard last Friday, the day after our first major snowfall of the season? Perhaps the wee flower felt it must be spring with the melting snow. But if the weather continues to be as beautiful as it has been on the weekend maybe we can call this spring.

Several people have been asking when the loonie lunches will be offered again at St. Margaret's. Not for a while. What started as an insulating project to prevent heat loss and help the environment has resulted in a major renovation of the church kitchen. It is near completion, but with the clean up and then Christmas events fast approaching it may be January before the soup pots will be on.

Remembrance Day, Nov. 11, is this Wednesday. The Royal Canadian Legion branch 624 and the Ladies Auxiliary will be leading the service at the cenotaph in Wilberforce.

Best wishes to Jenn Watt as she begins her work as editor of *The Echo*.

Wayne Cooper wears three hats in *Divorce Anyone?*

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Highlands Little Theatre's fall production is going on this week, Nov. 12 to 14 inclusive at the Northern Lights Pavilion in the high school, with Saturday matinee as well as 8 p.m. performances. Wayne Cooper is directing this light-hearted look at marriage: *Divorce Anyone?* Seems as if he's wearing three hats: director, actor and pianist. Should be fun!

Welcome to West Guilford to our Anglican priest, Pastor Anne Moore, who is taking up residence on Ella Court. Anne will be speaking at the men's prayer breakfast at 8 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Baptist church here on Pine Lake.

In case you bookworms and avid readers missed the announcement, the new library will open at 10 a.m. on Nov. 17 on Maple Street in Haliburton.

Apologies to the euchre contingent. Don't fire me for mislaying the scores so faithfully reported each week by Colleen Davison.



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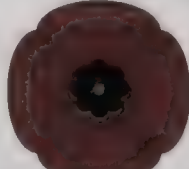



REMEMBRANCE DAY November 11th

Church Service	10 a.m. Legion Branch 129
Parade	10:45 to the Cenotaph
Lunch	at the Branch after ceremony Everyone welcome
Dinner	5 p.m. - doors & bar open at 4 p.m. Cost \$11 for dinner. Prepared by the Blueline.

THANK YOU from the Branch to everyone who donated to the Poppy Campaign, our veterans thank you.

Yours in Comradeship,
President & Poppy Chair
Carla Watson



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St. Anthony Roman Catholic Church

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• **November 11: Meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group** will be held at R.D. Lawrence Place, in the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Complex - Doors open at 6pm The speaker at 7pm will be Earle Gray - "Old News" - Stories of life in Canada Past from the newspapers of 1820 to 1930. Questions or for information contact Gail Leach-Wunker at 286-2225.

• **November 11: Cooking with Kids at the OEYC every Wednesday morning for the month of November** - Parents can enjoy whisking up some fun in the OEYC kitchen with their child. Call for more information call Minden at 286-1770 or Haliburton at 457-2989.

• **November 11: Norland will be holding a Remembrance Day Service at the Old School Hall** - beginning at 10:45 a.m. Reception to follow in the hall. All are welcome. We will remember.

• **November 11: The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild will be meeting at the St. Georges Anglican Church** - on Mountain Street from 1 - 3 pm. At our November meeting Sharon Middlehurst is speaking on 'The History of Quilting'. Sharon will also be holding a workshop the next day, Thurs. November 12th called 'Industrial Sewing Techniques'. It will cover all the proper ways to sew seams, put in zippers, and the general construction of garments. For more information on this workshop or the meeting, please contact Sharon Middlehurst at 705-286-1531 or email at smiddlehurst@sympatico.ca. The Guild loves to have guests at our monthly meetings so everyone is welcome.

• **November 13 to November 15: Treasures at Mansfield's** - 16 Highland Gate Blvd, Minden 10 am - 4 pm.

• **November 13: Christmas Luncheon, White Elephant and Bake Sale at the Minden United Church** - 21 Newcastle Street, Minden. Starting at 11:30 am. Adults \$5. Preschool Children Free

• **November 13: Fit Kids Minden** - For parents with children 2-6 years. Enjoy physical activity that is sure to energize you and your child! Join us from 10:30 -11:30 am at the Minden Community Centre. To register please phone 286-4625 or oeycparented@bellnet.ca. This program is offered in partnership between the Township of Minden Hills and Ontario Early Years.

• **November 14: The Norland United Church Women are holding their Christmas Corner Bazaar** - from 10 am to 3 pm. Lunch will be available from 11 am to 1 pm at the cost of \$5. We will also be having a "New to You" table.

• **November 14 and 15: Annual Christmas Craft Sale** - 10 am - 5 pm, 219 Galway Rd. (S. of

Kinmount) Hosts: Jennifer, Susan & Judy.

Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes - Operation Christmas Child is an easy and fun way for anyone, of any age, to make a difference in the lives of children living in desperate situations in the developing world. The shoe box gift season has begun. The 2009 local shoebox collection week is November 16-21 at Lakeside Baptist Church 713,294 Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes were collected in Canada in 2008 with 680 going just from our area. Again this year Haliburton Home Hardware is offering to help by giving a 20% discount on shoe box gift items with a purchase of \$15 or more on regular priced items. For more information call Kathy Burk 457-2357.

Community Care Trip Club Members - Rita MacNeil and the Men of Deeps on Sunday December 13th at 3:00 pm - From Cape Breton Island comes the magic of two internationally-acclaimed performers. Beloved, award-winning singer-songwriter Rita MacNeil unites with The Men of Deeps, North America's only coal miners' chorus. This special celebration will surely ignite the spirit of the season as Rita and The Men of Deeps offer heartwarming, seasonal songs full of memories and universal appeal to enchant the audience. Bus leaves Haliburton at 12:30 pm and Minden at 1:00 pm. For only \$125 this trip includes transportation by coach, dinner at Galaxy Restaurant and tickets to Academy Theatre. Please order before November 24th. Call 457-2911 for more information.

Good News Club - Junior kindergarten to Grade 3 children are invited to a fun filled club with Christian values taught. The program will be be walked over to J.D. Hodgson School. The program is free and will begin November 4th. Children can be picked up at JDH at 5pm. Call Stephanie 754-0079.

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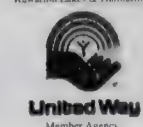


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Proud first time grandparents are Paul and Kim Wilson of Haliburton, Sheelagh McClelland of Orleans and Rick and Laurie Gooley of Keswick. Harper and Fynn are welcomed by great grandparents Russell and the late Marilyn Cowan of Haliburton, Ken and Dorothy Wilson of Haliburton, Marion McClelland of Carnarvon and Randy and Carole Gooley of Barrie.

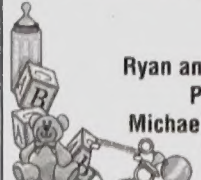
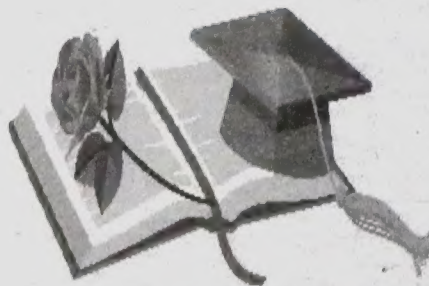
Special thanks to Dr. Stephen Will and the nursing staff at Orillia Soldiers Memorial Hospital.




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9 lbs 9.6 oz

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Congratulations Stacey:



Greg & Geraldine Coumb are pleased to announce the graduation of their youngest daughter Stacey Amy Lynne.

Stacey graduated on Nov. 9, 2009 from the University of Toronto, with a Bachelor of Arts honours in Criminology. Stacey is currently working in Toronto.

*Congratulations from your
Loving Family,
Mom, Dad, Crystal, Tim,
Madison, Layne Robinson*

Thank You Cards

Thank you to everyone for helping us celebrate Pearl & Ivan Kernohan's 60th Anniversary.

Please know how much the cards and calls from those who could not attend meant to Mom & Dad. It is family and friends coming together that make these celebrations so very special. We wish Mom & Dad many more wonderful years together.

Deaths



Norma Suggitt
(Formerly of Baddow & Norland, Ontario)

Peacefully at Caressant Care Nursing Home in Lindsay on Sunday evening, November 1, 2009 in her 85th year. Beloved wife of the late Clifford Suggitt (2007) and the late Morris Brohm (1956). Loving mother of Mary (Mrs. Joe Chynoweth) of Norland, Irene (Mrs. Donald Menzies) of Peterborough, Murray and his wife Pamela of Norland, Ruth Brohm of Peterborough, Wayne Suggitt (Terri) of Baddow, Wylie (Marnie) of Lindsay, Bonnie of Norland & Elizabeth (Casey Wallwork) of Marmora. Fondly remembered by her twenty grandchildren & her seventeen great grandchildren. Dear sister of Mary Dale of Lindsay, Lois Rutter of Peterborough. Also lovingly remembered by her daughter-in-laws Sharon & Karen and by her son-in-law Doug Handley. Predeceased by her step children George, Gene, & Wendy.

Visitation & Funeral Service

Friends may call at the **COBOCONK COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 6644 Hwy. #35 Coboconk, Ontario (705) 454-3913 on Thursday afternoon, November 5, 2009 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Then to **FAITH TABERNACLE** Albert St. Coboconk, Ontario on Friday morning, November 6, 2009 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Interment Pinegrove Cemetery, Norland. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or the Kidney Foundation of Canada would be appreciated by the family.

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Allan Mark
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

At Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Saturday October 31, 2009 in his 76th year. Cherished companion of Doris Wheeler of Haliburton. Loving father of Charlene (Patrick Hodge) and Geoffrey all of Toronto.

Remembrance Gathering

Funeral arrangements are private. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Kidney Foundation of Canada or the Canadian Diabetes Association would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209.

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REEVE, Charles Henry - In loving memory of Charles Henry Reeve who passed away peacefully at his home on Tuesday, October 27, 2009 at the age of 93. Beloved husband of the late Donna Pearl Reeve (nee Sweetzir) (2004). Dear father of Helen and Gerald Packard, grandfather of Charlie Packard (Jocelyn), Robert Packard (Kylie), predeceased by Jaime and Jason, and great grandfather of Mathew, Breanna, Hannah, and Cole. Predeceased by his brothers Bill and Jack and by his sister Mary. Private family arrangements. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements entrusted to the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427 Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

SEDGWICK, Gladys Mary (nee Crofts) - In loving memory of Gladys Mary Sedgwick who passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens Home, Minden on Saturday, November 7, 2009 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late Garnet Sedgwick. Cherished mom of Susan "Sue" and her husband Bryan Sisson of Minden, and adored grammy of Megan (Richard) and Ryan. Loving sister of Verna Wagg, Grant and Wally Crofts, sister-in-law of Eva Neville. Predeceased by her parents George and Mabel Crofts, sister Kay Carr, brothers Charlie, Bruce, Bill Crofts, sister-in-law Beatrice Crofts and brother-in-law Roy Neville. Special aunt to many nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to visit the family at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Wednesday from 7:00 until 9:00 pm. Then to Ingoldsby United Church for Funeral Service on Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 1:00 pm. Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery. Memorial Donations to the Ingoldsby United Church or to Hyland Crest Residents Council would be appreciated by the family. www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

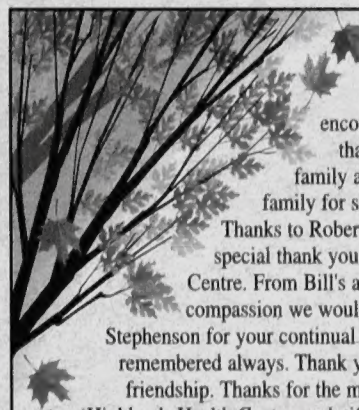
Card of thanks

The family of the late **Eric Dunford** would like to thank everyone for their kindness and condolences during our recent loss. Especially to Sharon and Phyllis for the wonderful tribute to their brother and to Bob Jackson for sharing his fond memories of Eric and him growing up as young boys and the underlying fairness and trust that always existed between them as best buddies and cousins.

A special thanks extended to Rev. Patsy Henry for the very meaningful and comforting memorial service and to

Elsie Lewis, the organist for the beautiful music. Many thanks as well to the ladies of South Wilberforce United Church for the lovely lunch after the memorial service.

Eric's interment was held at the South Wilberforce Cemetery near the gravesites of his parents and grandparents. According to Eric's wishes, his ashes were laid to rest in the Haliburton Highlands, the place he and his wife, Bart, loved and where they had planned to retire before Eric's illness. Family and friends laid a single red rose by his gravesite and said their final farewell knowing with comfort that Eric is now at peace and in God's hands. Gone from us but he will live in our hearts forever.



The Family of the late Bill Elliott would like to express sincere appreciation to all friends, neighbours and family who supported us during this difficult time. For the kindness, words of encouragement and continual supply of food, we thank you. A special thanks to Adele and Sheila Barnes for staying by my side until my family arrived. A sincere thank you to Doug and Patt Tallman and their family for sharing their home and feeding us during these challenging days. Thanks to Roberta Walsh for providing accommodation at the Bostonian Motel. A special thank you to the incredible nursing staff at the Haliburton Highlands Health Centre. From Bill's admittance to his final hours he received the best medical care and compassion we would ever wish for. The nursing staff were just the best. Thanks to Dr. Stephenson for your continual concern, caring and support. Your sincerity and guidance will be remembered always. Thank you Dr. Karl Hartwick for your many years of medical care and friendship. Thanks for the many beautiful floral arrangements, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Centre, and gifts of money. Also the prayers, phone calls and cards. Thank you to the United Church ladies and friends who provided the delicious lunch. It was enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Highlands East Municipality for the use of the Lloyd Watson Centre. A heartfelt thank you to our priest, Father Joáchim Nnanna for his guidance and spiritual support. The special attention and professional care provided by Dwayne Lloyd and the Haliburton Community Funeral Home was greatly appreciated.

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The Family of the late Vincent Connaughan wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to our relatives, neighbours and friends for there messages of sympathy, mass offering, prayers, floral tributes, donations to St. Anthony future friend, and Hospital Auxiliary, donations of food plus other donations, at the time and loss of a husband and father.

A special thanks to Rev. John Burchat and Rev. John Lacey, altar server, music and cantor, and pallbearers.

To our friends and relatives who visited Vincent in the Peterborough Hospital and special thank you to the C.W.L ladies who served lunch after the funeral and Dwaine, Lori and staff of the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for all your support and help.

Sincere thank you and may God bless you all for your thoughtfulness and kindness which will always be deeply appreciated and remembered.



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Wife Evelyn &
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I am the sunlight ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.
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I am the swift uplifting rush
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HALIBURTON LAKE

Renovated 3 bdrm cottage situated on a sunny level lot. Western exposure, big lake view, sandy shoreline. Insulated Bunkie, maple kitchen, 200 amp hydro, wrap around deck.

\$329,000



NEW LISTING

INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

4 unit apartment building located between Haliburton and Minden. 3 units are 1 bedroom, 4th unit is a 2 storey with 3 bedrooms. All units are self contained with many upgrades. Excellent books, units are easily rented. The grounds are immaculate with beautiful gardens, paved driveway and easy access of highway.

\$309,000



GOODERHAM LAKE

Classic 3 bdrm cottage situated on its own island. Algonquin style lot, rock and sand shoreline. Open concept, cathedral ceilings, hardwood flrs, stone fireplace, septic, hydro and much more!

\$299,000



SOLD

LOG CABIN

With post and beam and reclaimed brick. Character and quality assured! Charming kitchen with pine cabinetry, quaint livingroom, massive decking with stone fireplace and the MOST BREATHTAKING VIEW OF GULL LAKE!

\$299,000



SOLD

CHALET-IN-THE WOODS

Live in town yet feel like you're in the country. Modern 3 bdrm, 3 bath home. Vaulted ceilings, wood floors, huge rec room, large picture windows, wrap around decks, detached garage, beautiful gardens, waterfalls, privacy plus. A MUST TO SEE!

\$294,900



SOLD

ROSS LAKE

3BR on a private well treed lot, quiet spring fed, no motor lake. Open concept LR/KIT w/walkout to large wraparound deck. Cathedral ceilings. Bunkie for overflow guests! Shed for storage.

\$269,000



WONDERLAND ROAD

Tastefully decorated 3 bdrm home 5 minutes from Haliburton. 3 baths, main flr Indry, "Florida Room", lg family room, sewers, drilled well, paved drive, att'd dbl car garage. Nicely treed, private lot.

\$269,000



HALIBURTON HOME

3 bdrm ranch style bungalow situated on a 10 acre parcel providing ultimate privacy. 10 mins to town, open concept, sunken LR, pine cathedral ceilings, mstr bdrm with ensuite, full w/o bsmt. Beautiful gardens.

\$259,900



SOLD

KOSHLONG LAKE

Traditional style cottage on Algonquin style lot. West exp & beautiful smooth rock shoreline, on a yr md rd. Wavy cedar wood siding, steel roof, 2 BR, 3 pc bath, screened porch, open concept living area. Large deck overlooks lake. This 3 season cottage is the perfect get-a-way.

\$249,000



TROOPER LAKE

Reno'd 3 BR cottage on pretty lot with good comfortable living area with woodstove for cozy warmth. Bright sunporch & beautiful stone patio/firepit at the front give lovely view. Good swimming off end of dock. Neat, clean & tidy... ready for you. Owner's care of this property really shows!

\$239,900



NEW LISTING
SOLD

BUCKSKIN LAKE

Immaculate 3 bdrm cottage situated on a private lot with smooth rock shoreline. Open concept, sunroom, pine kitchen, 2 baths, garage/workshop and boathouse. A MUST TO SEE!

\$234,500



NEW LISTING

HALIBURTON LAKE

3 bdrm backsplit cottage with pretty view of lake. Open concept, cedar vaulted ceilings, large deck ideal for entertaining, 266 ft of gorgeous frontage and approx 2 acres in size. Property size is 2 lots in total call for details.

\$224,900



NEW PRICE

HARMONY ROAD

Modern 3 bdrm home situated on level lot close to town. Enjoy the pretty view o ge picture windows or your private front deck. Sunken LR. Main flr laundry, att'd garage. Nice, bright & cheery! FAP heat, central vac, CA & maintenance free siding.

\$215,900

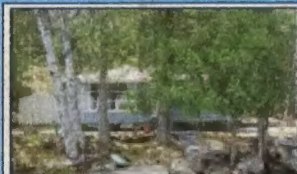


SOLD

KNOB HILL COURT

This 2 + 2 bdrm home is located in an upscale neighbourhood in the Minden area. Master bdrm with sitting area, hdwd flrs, vaulted cigs, lg picture windows, full fin bsmt, 2 baths, sunrm, single det'd garage, level lot, walk to amenities.

\$209,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Cute and cozy 3 bdrm cottage situated on the water's edge. Beautiful, clean shoreline; 3 pc bath, open concept, side patio with hot tub. Large dock, great view of the lake. Adjacent property also for sale.

\$199,900



NEW PRICE

LOG HOME

2 bedroom pine log home situated on a level corner lot. Full walkout bsmt with large rec room, laundry and office space. Drilled well, septic, generator back up. Barn, shed and insulated garage.

\$149,000



HIGHLAND ST-HALIBURTON

3BR home in the village. 4pc bath, closed in front porch, mn flr Indry, walk to all amenities. Drilled well, town sewers. Great dbl lot w/good sized back yard.

\$139,500



HALIBURTON HOME - HWY 118

3 bedroom family home located close to town. Large eat in kitchen, separate dining area, 4 pc bath, main floor laundry. Nice back yard with firepit. Walk to town, close to Head Lake.

\$128,500



PERCY LAKE

Nicely treed waterfront lot. Clean rock and sand shoreline. Pretty south facing view, driveway in and building site cleared. Year round road, hydro and telephone available. 107 ft ftge.

\$214,900



GELERT ROAD

Renovated 3 bedroom home. Nice and bright, neat and close. Located close to the town of Haliburton and nicely landscaped. Laminate floor, pine kitchen, sunroom and gazebo.

\$119,900



CARNARVON HOME-HWY 35

Why pay rent? This 2 bedroom home is ideal for the young couple just starting out or even a retired couple! 4pc bath, open concept living area, drilled well, septic and close to lake.

\$88,900

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IMPORTANCE OF FINANCING

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ANSWER: You may have the best house on the block at a give-away price, but it will never sell to the prospect who loves it but can't afford it -- or

THINKS he can't afford it. An experienced Realtor, however, will discuss matters such as financing with prospects. They'll tell us freely what they would hold back from you.

During such a frank

exchange, we have the experience to suggest ways to make buying your home possible. At our office, we've saved many sales that were thought to be impossible.



A Realtor's knowledge of financing can often save a sale that was thought to be lost.
